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MR. CHAMBERLAIN GIVES EMPIRE'S CONSIDERED ANSWER TO HITLER'S PEACE PROPOSALS: EXPECTATION OF AMENDS BY NAZIS IS DOOMED TO DISAPPOINTMENT

Germany Must Choose

THE BRITISH EMPIRE'S CONSIDERED ANSWER TO HERR HITLER'S PEACE PLAN WAS GIVEN IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN, WHEN HE PRESENTED HIS WEEKLY REVIEW OF THE INTERNATIONAL SITUATION, SAYS A REUTER MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

The House was packed and among distinguished personalities in the Galleries were all the Dominion High Commissioners who had played their part in the interchange of views on Hitler's peace proposals between the United Kingdom and the Dominion Governments.

The Prime Minister began by recalling that last week, in speaking of the announcement about the Russo-German Pact, he observed that it contained the suggestion that some peace proposals were likely and had remarked that if such proved the case they should examine them in consultation with the Dominions and the French Republic in the light of certain relevant considerations.

"Since then the German Chancellor has made his speech and the consultations I referred to have taken place," continued Mr. Chamberlain. "I must now state the position of His Majesty's Government."

BACKGROUND RECALLED
The Prime Minister said that before doing so he must recall the background against which the proposals appeared. He went on to recall that at the end of August the British Government were corresponding with the German Government on Poland.

He said, "It was evident that the situation was dangerous but we believed it should be possible to arrive at a peaceful solution, if passions were not deliberately stimulated, and we felt quite certain that the German Government could, if they desired, influence their friends in Danzig to bring about a relaxation of tension and create conditions to a calm and sober negotiation."

Mr. Chamberlain recalled that Herr Hitler had expressed a wish for improved relations between

their countries as soon as the Polish question was settled and said, "We pointed out that forcible solution would inevitably involve our obligations to Poland. As everyone knows these efforts on the part of His Majesty's Government to avoid war and the use of force were in vain."

APPEALS RECALLED

Mr. Chamberlain recalled President Roosevelt's appeal and those of the King of the Belgians, the Queen of the Netherlands, Pope Pius and Signor Mussolini.

"It is evident now that Hitler was determined to make war on Poland and whatever sincerity there may have been in his wish to come to an understanding with Britain it was not strong enough to induce him to postpone the attack upon his neighbour."

The Prime Minister recalled the invasion of Poland and the ruin and damage done "in contravention, at any rate in the later stages, of all undertakings of which Hitler now speaks with pride as though he had fulfilled them."

MANY LIVES SACRIFICED
"It was after this wanton act of aggression which caused so many Polish and German lives to be sacrificed to satisfy his own insistence on the use of force that the German Chancellor now puts forward his proposals."

"If there existed any expectation that in these proposals would be included some attempt to make amends for this previous crime



Commander Wu Han-man, of the Sixth Guerrilla Area, who is in charge of the defence of Shekai since its re-occupation by the Chinese forces.

ITALY'S VIEWS ON PEACE PROPOSALS

ROME, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — It is understood that Count Bastianini, the new Italian Ambassador to Britain, left for London to-day taking an aide memoire outlining the Italian views regarding the peace proposals and international conference.

Two Polish Warships Play Havoc With Nazis

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — HOW TWO POLISH WARSHIPS, consisting of a destroyer and a minesweeper, in the first three days of the war, played havoc with German destroyers and aircraft was revealed to-day.

Two Polish vessels which took part in the defence of Hel Peninsula were, attacked by five Nazi destroyers on the first day of the war. One of them was sunk and the other four steamed away.

On the second day eight destroyers again attacked the destroyer and a Nazi warship was sent to the bottom. The third day the Polish warships were subjected to a heavy

BRITISH DENIAL

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — The British Government has denied the German allegation that poison gas mines alleged to have been used by Poland had been supplied by Britain.

More than \$100,000 has already been raised in Shanghai for the purchase of winter garments for the Chinese soldiers at the front. Shanghai expect to be able to contribute enough money to buy 3,000,000 cotton padded jackets this winter. — (Central News)

HIGHER DUTIES ON CERTAIN WINES AND LIQUORS ARE NOW IN FORCE: BEER AND CIDER REMAIN SAME

Petrol And Light Oils Included In New Order

Higher duties on certain wines and liquors and on petrol and light oils came into force in Hongkong yesterday.

It was made known at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council that, immediately before the meeting, His Excellency the Governor, by virtue of the powers conferred upon him under the Public Revenue Protection Ordinance of 1927, had signed an order rescinding the Liquors Duties Resolution of September 9, 1938, and setting up a new scale of duties.

Duties on beer, cider, perry and Chinese and Japanese type liquors are not altered. In respect of other liquors and wines, the following new duties are now in force:—

On all liquors, champagne and other sparkling wines—\$18.25 per gallon on British Empire products, and \$28 on foreign products, compared with \$13 per gallon payable previously, irrespective of origin.

On brandy—\$8.25 and \$20 per gallon respectively, compared with \$5 and \$10 payable previously.

On gin, whisky and other spirituous liquors—\$12.50 and \$20 per gallon respectively, against \$10 payable previously, irrespective of origin.

PORT AND SHERRY
On port, sherry and madeira—\$7.50 and \$12 per gallon respectively, against \$6 payable previously, irrespective of origin.

On all other still wines—\$8.25 and \$10 per gallon respectively, against \$5 payable previously, irrespective of origin.

The new duty on petrol and light oils has been increased to 80 cents per gallon. The duty on motor spirit of all kinds was formerly 30 cents per gallon.

LITHUANIAN PARLIAMENT CONVOKED

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — A German report states that the Lithuanian Parliament has been convoked for to-day in order to ratify the Soviet-Lithuanian Pact. In the agreement, Lithuania not only will get back Vilno but also 57 small towns and a large number of villages, 220 miles of railway and 425 miles of forest.

The new Polish Foreign Minister, M. Zaleski, was received in audience by the King yesterday morning, reports Reuter from London.

Nazi Liner Captured In S. Atlantic

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — The German liner *Carnegie* was captured in the South Atlantic by the British Navy.

According to New York reports of September 22, the liner left a Brazilian port on September 17 with a large cargo of foodstuffs and 2,500 tons of crude oil, with the intention of sailing to Vladivostok.

298,000 TONS OF CARGO TAKEN IN PRIZE

LONDON, Oct. 12 (SWS) — Since the beginning of the war the British Contraband Control has dealt with 375 ships, 107 British and 268 neutral. In the last two weeks about 63 ships have come in, some voluntarily, for examination. The neutral ships include Norwegian, Swedish, Dutch, Greek and Finnish.

During the first month of the war, 298,000 tons of cargo was taken in prize and these cargoes will become the subject of examination in the Prize Court and, if therefore, cannot be assumed that the whole quantity of goods will be confiscated.

FRENCH SEIZURES
PARIS, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — The French naval authorities state that 150,000 tons of goods destined for Germany have been confiscated by the French Government.

The goods include 40,000 tons of minerals, 40,000 tons of foodstuffs and 30,000 tons of liquid fuel.

Joint Appeal By Denmark, Norway, Sweden Against Deprivation Of Finland Of Country's Independence

HELSINKI, OCTOBER 12 (REUTER) — FINNISH AND SOVIET TALKS WILL BEGIN THIS AFTERNOON IN MOSCOW.

It is reported that a joint appeal will be made by Denmark, Sweden and Norway in the hope that Russia will make no demands which will deprive Finland of her independence.

An unconfirmed report states that the United States may use her influence and urge moderation on the part of Russia. Official quarters made no comment on the report and the Finnish Minister in Washington, after visiting White House and the State Department, said that he had no information on the matter.

The Polish Ambassador in Moscow, who arrived here to-day, stated that a division of Soviet troops with tanks and artillery is concentrated on the Finnish border while a squadron of 21 fighter planes is stationed off the Finnish coast.

100,000 MEN MOBILISED
COPENHAGEN, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — Finland, preparing for all eventualities, has now mobilised 100,000 men, according to reports from Danish correspondents who stated that Finland is in a very different position than in 1918 and now has plenty of aeroplanes, arms and ammunition.

The Finns are busy preparing roads in the countryside against tanks by erecting barricade defences.

The "Politiken" understands that four proposals were made to Finland by Russia as follows:—
Firstly, the cession of a number of small islands in the Gulf of Finland.

AIRCRAFT VERSUS WARSHIP

MUCH DEBATED CONTROVERSY

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter) — The Admiralty's further reports of the German aircraft attack on the British cruiser squadron in the North Sea on October 9 is of keen interest to naval critics for it has an important bearing on the much debated "aircraft versus warship" controversy.

It is pointed out that in the encounter of September 26 the British vessels were assisted by fighters but on this occasion the cruisers apparently relied solely on anti-aircraft guns.

Though over 100 bombs were dropped, they suffered no injury whatsoever. It is a certainty that three planes were seriously damaged.

The attack was meant to distract the cruisers' attention while commerce raiders slipped out.

There are many indications of German plans to intensify surface raiding on merchantmen in view of the failure of the U-boats.

Colony's Contribution To Defence Expenditure

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REVIEW

THE DECISION TO IMPOSE INCOME TAX IN HONGKONG AS ONE OF THE MEANS TO PROVIDE FOR A CONTRIBUTION TO BE MADE TO THE HOME GOVERNMENT towards the prosecution of the war with Germany was announced at the meeting of the Legislative Council yesterday afternoon, when the Draft Estimates for 1940-41 were introduced by the Financial Secretary.

The regular budget is to be replaced by two separate budgets. One will provide for the formal expenditure of Government departments, and the other is in effect a war budget by means of which it is intended that the Colony shall make its contribution for war purposes.

"I hope and believe," said His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, who presided at the meeting, "that there will be universal acceptance here of the fundamental principle that our responsibilities in Hongkong towards Great Britain are in no way less than those of British subjects resident in the United Kingdom; and that just as they are prepared to bear whatever burden the successful conduct of the war may impose upon them, so we also must leave nothing

undone that we can do towards that end." Steps would at once be taken to draft the necessary legislation, said His Excellency, and it was hoped that the necessary machinery would be in force within six months. Although the income tax proposals are subject to possible amendment during open discussion in Council, the Financial Secretary declared that it was intended to impose a standard tax of ten per cent on all company profits, payments of interest, etc., and on private incomes above \$2,000 per annum.

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CHINESE FORCES THREATEN JAPANESE REAR IN NORTH HUNAN; RAILWAY WRECKED

CHANGSHA, Oct. 12 (Central) — Chinese troops are threatening the rear of the Japanese at Yoyang (Xochow), 88 miles north of Changsha, on the Canton-Hankow Railway, in North Hunan.

On the night of October 10 Chinese vanguards, who crossed the Sinitang River, cut the Canton-Hankow Railway at Yunki, 14 miles northeast of Yoyang. The railway track and bridges there were wrecked.

It is said that the Japanese at Yoyang are perturbed by the Chinese activities in their rear.

Across the Hunan-Hubei border the Chinese advance on Tungcheng continues vigorously. Saikungchiao, a vantage point in the southwestern suburbs, was taken by the Chinese yesterday morning. The city is now besieged on three sides.

IN NORTH KIANGSU

AN UNDISCLOSED PLACE
NORTH KIANGSU, Oct. 12 (Central) — With the arrival of reinforcements, Chinese forces are counter-attacking the Japanese who recently captured Kaoyu on the Grand Canal, north of Yangchow, in North Kiangsu.

FIGHTING IN SHANSI

HINGTSHI SHENSI, Oct. 12 (Central) — Fighting in Shansi centres around the towns of Hellingwan, Pubien, Sangling, Fencheng, and Linfen.

The Japanese in the north and west of Pubien have not been able to make any progress owing to stiff Chinese resistance.

On the Hellingwan sector, the Japanese have increased their reinforcements.

SIR GEOFFRY NORTHCOTE'S ADDRESS

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His Excellency said: It had been my intention to present a short address to you on this occasion more or less on the lines of that which last year endeavoured to review the salient facts of the preceding twelve months and the more important schemes under Government's consideration. I regret very much that the rush of work caused by Herr Hitler's intromissions has prevented that intention from being fulfilled, and all the more because there has been good progress in many administrative activities and social services which is deserving of record.

I propose, accordingly, to confine my remarks on this occasion to the financial policy and intentions of the Government and I conceive that these will be more rightly appreciated if I first invite attention to the declared policy of His Majesty's Government in this regard. If one were to compare the manner in which this war is being faced by the Government of Great Britain with that of 1914 a fundamental difference would at once be observed. Then, armies, administrative departments and war organizations and requirements of all kinds had to be hastily improvised and the national finances were left to be carried on along normal peace lines; to-day the situation at home presents entirely the contrary picture.

The likelihood of the outbreak of a major war between Great Britain and Germany had long been foreseen, plans had been laid to meet the emergency and the appropriate economic policy had been thought out and made ready.

ADDITIONAL TAXATION

It will be generally agreed, I think, that the outstanding feature of the economic plans of His Majesty's Government, as disclosed in the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer on Sept. 27 when he introduced his first war emergency budget, was his insistence upon the importance of paying for the war from revenue as far as that was possible.

The inevitability of having also to raise war-loans was clearly recognized, but the immediate step taken was the imposition of heavy additional taxation; at the same time he urged most strongly that it was the duty of the private citizen and of the public institution to avoid all unnecessary expenditure in order that savings might accrue for subsequent investment in war loan. It is an inspiring fact that the British taxpayer has readily, not to say cheerfully, accepted the unprecedented burdens laid upon him.

So much for the way in which the taxpayer at home is facing his duty: what of the duty which lies before us in this small unit of the British Empire?

I hope and believe that there will be universal acceptance here of the fundamental principle that our responsibilities, in Hongkong towards Great Britain are in no way less than those of British subjects resident in the United Kingdom; and that just as they are prepared to bear whatever burden the successful conduct of the war may impose upon them, so we also must leave nothing undone that we can do towards that end. In other words, this is every whit as much our war as it is Britain's.

NOT MAXIMUM DEMAND

It is in accordance with that principle that the financial proposals that will be placed before you at this session have been framed and I take this early opportunity of saying that they are not to be looked upon as the maximum demand that may be made on the local taxpayer before victory crowns our arms. They are, however, all that we can wisely do at the moment.

With this object in view it is Government's intention to replace the budget which is formally before you to-day by two separate budgets: the former will provide for the normal expenditure of Government departments, the latter is designed to fulfil our obligations as a member of the British Empire while engaged in a major war.

It may surprise you that what I will describe as the ordinary budget does not show greater reductions in expenditure. The estimates, of course, were fairly well advanced when war broke out and, early in September we were in the act of considering the extent to which they should be cut down when I received from the Secretary of State some very valuable guidance.

In effect Mr. MacDonald's counsel was that subject to two provisos of which I will make mention later, there should be as little disturbance as possible with the Colony's current activities and developmental schemes, so long as revenue to finance them would be forthcoming. In particular the desire was expressed that existing social services and approved plans for their extension should continue as far as was possible; furthermore any marked retrenchment in the Civil Service was deprecated unless and until we were advised by him so to act.

It will be agreed, I think, that this confident policy, which unquestionably reflects that of His Majesty's Government, is very enlightening at such a time as the present.

TWO PROVISO

The Secretary of State's two provisos, which I mentioned just now as being conditions to be observed in framing the estimates, dealt with the following points. Firstly, the great importance of conserving the exchange resources of Great Britain through control over the purchase and export of foreign currencies and of those British currencies which are not on a sterling footing.

Hongkong's procedure in this respect, it was found, could not be quite "on all fours" with that of other British Colonies, because of the pre-dominant importance of our entrepot trade, and special treatment of the problem was therefore permitted to us.

I have asked the Honourable the Financial Secretary to give the Council a connected account of the measures taken by Government with this end in view, and I myself shall have a further word to say on this subject when speaking of the revenue estimates. The second point on which the Secretary of State expressed a proviso was the avoidance of expenditure, which by creating a demand for unessential goods would deflect men, materials and shipping from war purposes.

In this connexion I may say that I had already given orders that work on my successor's new house should be stopped before this wise advice was received!

So much for the expenditure estimates in the ordinary budget, which will be more fully explained by the Honourable the Financial Secretary in his speech this afternoon and in the memorandum prepared by him. On the Revenue side there are considerable alterations to be made, but these do not appear in this printed volume. The most important of them are the increases in duties on petrol and alcoholic liquors which have a dual purpose, viz., to raise more revenue, and to effectuate the policy of conserving sterling exchange: the other implement certain recommendations of the Taxation Committee, and I will leave it to my Honourable friend to state their nature.

DEFENCE BUDGET

The estimated financial outcome of what I have called the ordinary budget is a small surplus. That expectation is due partly to the additional revenue from the sources just mentioned and partly to the transfer of certain appropriate expenses to the defence budget. If, however, during the fifteen month period which the estimates cover it appears that a deficit is probable, it should not be difficult to curtail expenditure, and especially capital expenditure, sufficiently to avoid that result.

I come now to the defence budget, by means of which Hongkong will make its contribution towards the prosecution of the war against Germany. That contribution may take one of two forms, the first being the meeting from our own pockets of such additional local expenditure as the situation may demand for volunteer naval, military and air defences and other war services; the other, free gifts in cash or in kind to His Majesty's Government towards its aim viz. the defeat of the enemy. The former of these has its natural limitations and not wide ones at that; but I trust that not only every member of this House but also every citizen of this Colony will agree that there should be no limit upon the aid that we should give to His Majesty's Government other than our ultimate ability to pay. Quite obviously in this lightly taxed community that limit lies at a great distance and could not be reached through existing revenue channels.

It is therefore necessary to create new means and Government has decided that an Income Tax is by far the most suitable. Steps will therefore

be taken at once to draft the necessary legislation and to bring into being the necessary machinery. My hope is that within six months that machinery will be at work. Plans are not far enough advanced as yet for any detailed description, but in order to prevent unnecessary alarm I will say that it is not intended at the initial stage to prescribe very high rates of tax.

PRINCIPLES OUTLINED

Attention has also been given to the question of taxing Excess Profits. There may plainly be justification for such a measure in due course, but I feel—and I know that my Honourable friend agrees with me—that we had better tackle the Income Tax problem first and, when that has been done, take up again the matter of Excess Profits Duty.

This address is, of course, intended to do no more than outline the principles in accordance with which this Colony's financial policy for the near future is being framed and the Honourable the Financial Secretary will, this afternoon, explain the Government's proposals in simpler measure.

I have tried to put before you the twofold duty which rests upon this Legislature at this juncture. On the one hand, we are responsible for the proper care, a phrase which includes improvement, of this small but important part of His Majesty's Empire and it is especially incumbent upon us to maintain and, as far as we can extend, the Colony's social services, particularly public health and education; you will find increased provision in the ordinary budget under both those heads.

On the other hand it is our duty as well as in our interest to give all that we can to help His Majesty's Government in the great struggle in which the Empire is engaged.

The task of this Government is to find the right balance between these two duties and I confidently hope that you will find yourselves able to endorse the proposals that are now about to come before you. I do not wish to be thought to make light of the burden which they will lay upon the shoulders of the taxpayers of Hongkong. The Income Tax, even at the relatively low basic rate of two shillings in the pound, must inevitably give a shock to the social and commercial structures of the Colony, and considerable adjustment will be necessary in order to absorb that shock. Nevertheless I am fully confident that they will no more shrink their duty where their money is concerned than they have in offering their services, and if necessary their lives, in Britain's cause.

I now commend the business of the meeting to your consideration.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S SPEECH

The Hon. Mr. Sidney Caine said: You have indicated in their main outlines the financial intentions of Government in the new conditions which exist to-day. Circumstances have unfortunately compelled the Government to put those intentions before Council and the Colony which that Council represents in two stages. There has been no time since the outbreak of war to reach finality in our proposals for wartime measures and then to report the estimates in accordance with our decisions; on the other hand, in view of the approaching end of the financial year, it was inadvisable to defer presentation until the estimates could be recast in print so as to conform with those later proposals.

The only possible course, therefore, was to lay the estimates as printed before the Council, to state when doing so that they would undergo a considerable metamorphosis and lastly in Select Committee to recast them in their new form, or rather forms, for there will be two budgets for the duration of the war where one used to grow in peace time.

I am very sorry for any confusion that this way of handling the subject may have caused but in the circumstances I fear that that was inevitable. But so far as the ordinary estimates of expenditure are concerned the changes to be made are of a "paper" rather than a "practical" nature: it is the defence budget where most of the innovations come.

We propose, as you excellently said, to have two budgets, the ordinary one which will strongly resemble the budgets of previous

years, and a defence budget which will be quite new and I hope a feature of only a year or two.

AN INNOVATION

After that general explanation I have to ask Honourable Members to turn their attention back to the original estimates of expenditure for 1940/41 which have been in their hands for 10 days. As a memorandum explaining the principle matters of novelty contained in them was circulated at the same time I do not propose to deal with those estimates at any great length.

I fear that the innovation, for which I was responsible, of permitting the Press to see the printed estimates with the Council's Order of Business, has led some of the papers to misinterpret them and the statement of Government's full proposals may be disappointing to those who read some of the more sensational quotations published yesterday afternoon.

The Press have also given due prominence to one fact shown by the print, that is that we already have the forty million budget which I spoke of as a possibility of the more distant future twelve months ago. Expenditure and, fortunately, revenue as well have continued to increase automatically with the increase of population. On a peace basis an approximate balance was expected but the war is likely to increase expenditure in many directions without correspondingly increasing revenue from existing sources.

NEW EXPENDITURE

The estimates as printed contain no innovations in revenue apart from the re-arrangement of the heads in more convenient form. As to expenditure the procedure of examination by a select committee of this Council, which will be followed this year as before will afford full opportunity for honourable members to make any comments which they desire and elucidate any obscurities in the details. Those details were mainly settled before the outbreak of war, but no necessity is seen at present to alter them at all considerably.

In preparing the final draft, a number of items of new expenditure which it had originally been desired to include were deleted in order to avoid budgeting for any substantial deficit in the uncertain circumstances which lie before us; but the Government have very definitely refrained from economising at the expense either of social services or of measures of economic development.

Your Excellency has made clear that there is no intention to curtail those services in order to provide funds for the new calls which the war must make upon our resources.

I venture, indeed, to say that, large as the expenditure must appear, all of it is either essential or extremely desirable in order to maintain the public services of this Colony and to enable the Government to discharge its obligations to the community. Honourable members will find that much of the increase in recurrent charges is directly due to our increased population, e.g. the increases in the Police and Sanitary Departments.

PUBLIC WORKS

The programme of Public Works Extraordinary includes many items of a capital nature which are essential to carry on the economic development of the Colony. Evidence of the intention to continue the development of social services is given by the provision for the commencement of a new Queen's College, a new Infectious Diseases Hospital and new Health Centres, as well as a new Volunteer Headquarters. The actual amounts expected to be spent on any of those buildings next year are small, but their inclusion will give approval for proceeding definitely with plans for them and concluding a contract for the work.

Nonetheless, we must not be wholly unprepared for financial difficulties and the programme of public works extraordinary and also the many items of special expenditure appearing in the individual heads of estimates, although they may be approved by this Council and the Secretary of State, will not be automatically carried out if the revenue position does not justify the expenditure.

All such items require the individual authority of Government before expenditure is incurred on them and that approval will be withheld if necessary. In addition it is proposed to draw up a schedule of additional needs payable for in the estimates the following

SPORTING FIXTURES

TO-DAY

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

SWIMMING.—Finals Army Children's Schools, U.S.R.C. pool, 3 p.m.; Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 8 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

BADMINTON.—Y.M.C.A. Badminton, in the West Lounge, 10 a.m.

BOWLS.—Second Division, Craigie Tower v. Civil Service.

CRICKET.—K.C.C. Juniors v. Navy Juniors, K.C.C., 2 p.m.

FOOTBALL.—First Division (4.30): Club v. Middlesex (Club); Police v. S. China "B" (Boulevard Road); Royal Scots v. South China "A" (Sookunpo); Second Division "A" South China v. Club (Caroline Hill at 3); Eastern v. Kit Chee (Club at 3); 8th R.A. v. 5th R.A. (Stanley at 3); 30th R.A. v. R.A. O.C. (Stanley at 4.30) Second Division "B": R. Scots v. University (Sookunpo at 3); Police v. Kwong Wah (Boundary Road at 3); R.A. F. v. Kowloon (Chatham Road at 3); Signals v. Engineers (Chatham Road at 4.30); Third Division: 5th R.A. v. R. Scots (St. Joseph's at 3); Kumaons R. v. R.A. S.C. (Prince Edward Road at 3).

TENNIS.—Y. American Tournament, King's Park.

LO TAK KUEN CUP LEAGUE

FIXTURES

Six Matches For Decision

Organized by the China National Miniature Football Federation (Hongkong branch), the Lo Tak Kuen Cup League programme of matches to be played at the Southorn playground on Sunday is as follows:—

a.m. 8.30 Tai Chung v. Hak Keung.
9.30 Luen Ying v. Tien Sing.
10.30 Hon Ying v. Chun Wan.
p.m. 2.30 Hung Sze v. Tung Yee Pak.
3.30 Taimshatui v. Ling Kong.
4.30 Ki Kung v. Tung Yee Hung.

WALK-OUT WIN

Playing in the Lo Tak Kuen League last Wednesday, Wah Kiu defeated Pun To by two goals to nil.

FIRING PRACTICE CANCELLED

The firing practice which was to have been carried out between the hours of 6 p.m. and 12 midnight yesterday was cancelled.

SCOTTISH REGIONAL SOCCER TOURNEY DEFERRED

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—The Scottish Football League has deferred the beginning of its two Regional Competitions, each of 16 clubs, to Oct. 21.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:

NORTHBOUND

Friday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Dorado—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.
Dorado—7 a.m.
Air France:

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.
Service—5 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.
Service—6 a.m.

Pan American Airways:

EASTBOUND

Wednesday: U.S.A., Manila, Hongkong.
California Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Thursday: Manila, U.S.A.
California Clipper—8.30 a.m.



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LORD RIVERDALE AS LEADER

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Sir Kingsley Wood, Air Minister, announced the composition of the British Air Mission to Canada in the House of Commons yesterday afternoon.

The leader is Lord Riverdale, a Northern industrialist, and the Deputy Leader is Air-Chief Marshal Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

Mr. L. F. Earle, Managing Director of one of our largest aircraft manufacturing companies, will be a member of the Mission, which will also comprise technical and other officers.

As Air-Chief Marshal Sir Brooke-Popham is now on service abroad, his place will be taken temporarily by Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Christopher Courtney.

The Parliamentary Secretary to the Air Ministry, Captain Balfour, will also go to Canada to help in the arrangements which Canada have to make for consultations with the Mission from Australia and New Zealand.

LORD TWEEDSMUIR TO SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IN N.Y.

QUEBEC, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada, is going to New York next week for a general medical overhaul. No serious concern is felt over his health.

ULSTER'S RESPONSE TO CALL FOR SERVICE

BELFAST, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Lord Craigavon, Prime Minister of Northern Ireland, declared yesterday that the response of Ulstermen to the call for service was wholly satisfactory.

"I am proud," he said, "at what has been done and is being done to help the mother-country."

Lord Craigavon added that he would make a weekly statement in Parliament, which would meet on two days a week, instead of three.

AUSTRALIAN WOMEN
LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—An Australian Women's Volunteer Service has been formed in London to look after the welfare of Australians.

A bureau has been set up in Australia House to enroll Australians and others who wish to join.

A pet tom cat, which was accidentally trodden on by its elderly mistress, caused her death by biting her. This was revealed at a Liverpool inquest on Mrs. Miriam Abrahams, aged 89, of Albany-road, Liverpool. Verdict: Accidental Death.

NAZI PARTY DISCONTENT

GERMAN RETREAT BEFORE SOVIET

PARIS, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Rumours of discontent among Nazi Party officials and prominent Army men, some of whom participated in the formation of the Freikorps in Baltic countries, are referred to in an Amsterdam dispatch to a journal in Paris.

They feel that the abandonment by Germany of the position once held in countries owing their civilisation to Germany constitutes an incomprehensible sacrifice and open to much criticism.

Following the alliance with the Bolsheviks, the evacuation of Germans from Baltic countries is arousing discontent with the higher ranks of the Party.

BRUSSELS, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Some indication of the bitter attitude of the German minority in Belgium to the events in the Baltic can be seen in the editorial in a leading newspaper in Eupen District ceded to Belgium by Germany after the Great War.

The newspaper says that the Baltic events are a lesson for German-speaking Belgians. "Most German-speaking peoples in the Baltic made the mistake of identifying their Germanism with Nazi ideology and with the support of the 'Drang Nach Osten' (Thrust to East)."

"They must bitterly regret their error to-day. We believe the shocking events in the Baltic have opened the eyes of our fellow citizens and that soon all of them will realise their good fortune in being equal citizens of this Christian and Democratic State, which, far from trying to suppress their German character, protects it."

LONDON GAZETTE

WAR OFFICE, SEPT. 25

REGULAR ARMY

Col. F. A. Drayson, M.C., retires on ret. pay (Aug. 19).

COMMANDS AND STAFF

The following relinquish their appointments:—Col. F. A. Drayson, M.C., as Chief Signal Officer (Aug. 19); Lt.-Col. T. Slingsby, M.C., R.A.R.O., as D.A.Q.M.G. (temp.) (Aug. 23).

The following appointments are made:—Col. H. A. F. Crowson, I.D., to be Comdr. (temp.), and is granted the temp. rank of Brig. while so employed (Aug. 25); Lt.-Col. D. McK. Hartigan, M.C., ret. pay, R.A.R.O., to be D.A.Q.M.G. (temp.) (Aug. 28); Capt. J. S. Douglas, R. Scots, to be Asst. Mil. Attache (Aug. 35).

ROYAL ARMOURD CORPS

3rd D.G.—See Lt. M. D. Murphy (University Candidate) from Gen. List, T.A., to be Sec. Lt. (Sept. 27), with seny. Jan. 27, 1933, next below Sec. Lt. C. W. D. W. Alexander.

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ESTABLISHMENTS

Maj. H. A. Sawyer, M.C., R.A.R.O., to be Instr. (temp.) (Sept. 25).

Nazi Attack On British Cruiser

BOMBS FALL WIDE: NO HITS

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique says that a further account of the German air attack upon the British cruiser squadron confirms that no ship was hit and no casualties sustained.

The enemy attack continued for over five hours and over a hundred bombs were dropped. One salvo fell near enough to throw a few splinters on to a cruiser, but the others were wide, sometimes a mile wide.

ALLEGATION AGAINST DOMINICA DENIED

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—The rumour that the Dominican Government is using her mother-ships to refuel German submarines operating in the Caribbean Sea was denied by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare, Parliamentary Secretary to the Admiralty, when he was questioned in the House of Commons.

He said he was satisfied that the Dominican Republic was fulfilling her obligations as usual.

HOLLAND NOT JOINING

THE HAGUE, Oct. 12 (Reuter).—Well-informed circles do not expect Holland to join in the protest to Berlin, which the northern countries are reported to be contemplating owing to the torpedoings of neutral ships since no Dutch ship has yet been sunk.

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NEWSETTES

The office of the Japanese Consulate-General will be moved to No. 2, Connaught Road, top floor, as from to-morrow.

In connection with the Bandaging Class and War Work to be held in the Y.M.C.A. on Monday, all hospital supplies made by this working party are to be sent to local hospitals in order to release other sources of supply for the home centres.

Authoritative Chinese quarters in Hongkong yesterday denied the Shanghai report that Gen. Chen Ming-shun, former Commander-in-Chief of the 19th Route Army, is joining Wang Ching-wei's "peace" movement. Gen. Chen, it was pointed out, is now in Chungking and is one of the staunchest supporters of armed resistance against the Japanese.

Hearing was fixed for Oct. 31, at 2.30 p.m., of the case in which Wong Yau-kee, unemployed actor, is charged with throwing acid at Ho Shiu-fong, with intent to disable or maim, at No. 39 Sa Wa Fung, on September 26, when he appeared before Mr. R.A.D. Forrest at the Central Court yesterday. A week's formal remand was granted; Det. Sub-Insps. W.N. Darkin is in charge of the case.

Mr. Liu Chueh-min, member of the Control Yuan, died at Siao, Honan, on October 9, according to a message received here. Mr. Yu Yu-jen, President of the Control Yuan, has sent a message of condolence to the family of the deceased.

Madame Chiang Kai-shek urged the women of Szechwan to redouble their efforts in wartime services when she spoke before a meeting of prominent women here on Wednesday. Those present at the meeting included Dr. Wu Yi-fang, President of the Gilling Girls College, and a number of foreign women.

The Executive Yuan, at its meeting on Wednesday, formally appointed Gen. Han Teh-ching, Chairman of the Kiangsu Provincial Government, to succeed Gen. Ku Chu-tung, General Han has been serving as acting Chairman of Kiangsu. Upon the recommendations of the Ministries of Interior and Education respectively, the Yuan ordered the commendation of the late Mr. Chu Sung-lu and Mr. Nieh Hsi-fan, respectively former editor of the Shanghai Ta Mei Wan Pao and principal of the Shanghai Middle School, who were murdered recently in Shanghai by Wang Ching-wei's agents.

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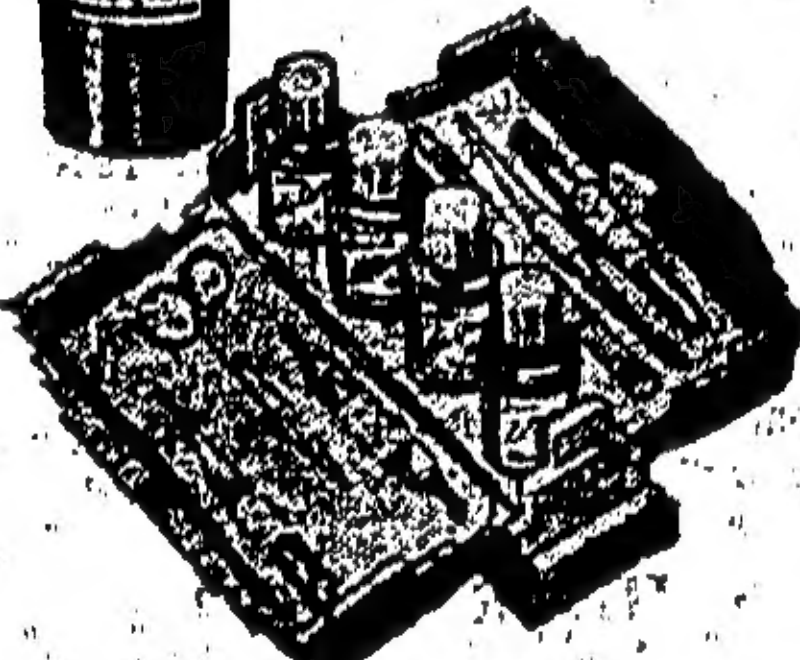
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BUDGET MEETING

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of which will similarly be subject to special approval. That procedure will enable Government to proceed with these appointments if the financial position does not deteriorate but ensures a continuous control in the light of current financial circumstances.

DEFENCE CONTRIBUTION

There is only one other point to which I want to refer in the estimates as printed. The change in the system of calculating the Colony's Ordinary Defence Contribution has necessitated a change, essentially of a bookkeeping nature, in the accounts of the waterworks undertaking.

Briefly, instead of charging against the waterworks a 20 per cent. of its gross revenue less debt charges as under the old routine that charge has been deleted and, to compensate, the part of the general rates credited in the accounts to the waterworks undertaking has been reduced from 2 per cent. to 1 per cent. The net effect on the waterworks finances is a difference of only a thousand or so dollars.

I turn now to the effects on the estimates as printed of the new financial proposals outlined by Your Excellency. Let me take the war budget first. To it will be credited the whole proceeds of Income Tax. Those proceeds will be used, first, to meet the costs of collection of income tax; secondly, to pay for the expenditure on local defence now appearing in Heads 8A, 8B and 8C, that is, the Volunteer Defence Corps, the Naval Volunteer Force and the Air Raid Precautions Department; thirdly to meet the additional expenses in various directions necessitated by new services created to meet war time necessities, e.g. maintenance of German internees, censorship services, etc.

The whole balance of the proceeds will be made available as a special war contribution to His Majesty's Government, to be spent as they think fit, locally or at home. This will be entirely additional to the ordinary Defence Contribution of \$6,000,000 per annum which will continue to be a charge on the ordinary budget.

The new expenditure on the Income Tax Department and on special war expenditure will of course be duly authorized by this Council and estimates for those purposes will be submitted as soon as they can be prepared. Members will naturally want to know how this is expected to work out in figures.

We are proposing a standard rate of Income Tax of 10 per cent., with a possible surtax on very high incomes. I will explain later more of the detail, but the yield at 10 per cent. was put by the Taxation Committee at about \$10,000,000 per annum.

LOT OF GUESSWORK

I can at present give no reliable estimate of the costs of administration, but they are likely to be only a small percentage. The local defence and war expenses are not likely to aggregate more than \$2,000,000 per annum and the balance payable to His Majesty's Government should be of the order of \$7,000,000 or \$8,000,000. I do beg, however, that nobody will hold these figures against me if they turn out wrong. There are no

statistics whatever of total incomes in the Colony and we are compelled to do a lot of guesswork at this stage.

ORDINARY BUDGET: COST OF SUPPLIES

Turning to the ordinary budget, we must reckon with increases in expenditure in many services not directly connected with the war. All supplies, for instance, are likely to cost more; unfortunately as we are so dependent on imports we can do very little to prevent prices rising.

Revenue on the other hand, is likely to suffer by the reduction in our swollen population which has recently begun and which is so welcome on general grounds, and by the reduction of luxury expenditure which Your Excellency has urged and to which the payment of income tax will itself contribute.

Accordingly, even if there had been no intention to make any special contribution to His Majesty's Government I should have proposed some increase of taxation in order to provide ourselves with some margin of reserve. That margin is secured by the proposals Your Excellency has described, the effect of which is as follows.

EXPENDITURE SIDE

On the expenditure side the ordinary budget will be relieved of the costs of the Volunteer forces and Air Raid Precautions, estimated in the printed volume at about \$1,800,000 for 1940/41.

On the revenue side the ordinary budget will benefit by receipts from other new taxation referred to by Your Excellency, principally the imposition of additional duties on petrol and liquor. These proposals are not put forward mainly with a view to increasing the revenue, but for purposes connected with foreign exchange policy which I will explain more fully in a few minutes. The additional taxes are designed deliberately to check consumption and cannot be expected to produce a proportional amount of revenue.

The revenue will also benefit a little by steps which have been taken or are in contemplation to implement certain minor recommendations of the Taxation Committee.

School fees are being increased as from January 1, fees for maintenance in hospitals are being revised, especially for Government servants; and discussions are in train with the object of securing the payment of royalties by certain public utility companies as recommended by the Committee.

In all the additional revenue, mainly of course from the petrol and liquor duties, should be not less than \$1,000,000 per annum.

NOMINAL SURPLUS

The revised ordinary budget should, therefore, show a nominal surplus of some \$2,000,000, but since it is not proposed to make any specific amendments to allow for declines in other items of revenue and increases in costs of supplies, etc., that nominal surplus will be rather a reserve than a true expectation of excess of revenue.

PROVISIONAL FIGURES OF INCOME TAX

I promised a few minutes ago to give some further details of the Income Tax proposals; but the figures I shall quote must be taken as provisional only. Although Government is convinced of the necessity of such a measure in principle there is no intention to thrust upon the Council a scheme cut and dried in all its details and all the personal and other allowances will be open to full discussion in this Council, or in any special committee which may be set up to consider the details. Honourable members and the public will, however, wish to have some idea of what is in Government's mind on those points.

STANDARD RATE

The standard rate of 10 per cent. will be charged on all company profits, payments of interest, etc. and on all income in respect of which the recipient has made no claim to personal and family allowances; but the man who makes such a claim will pay at 10 per cent. only on the balance of his income after deducting his allowances and after paying at half rate, 5 per cent. on the first part of his taxable income.

The allowances Government has provisionally in mind are earned income allowances, one-tenth of earned income up to

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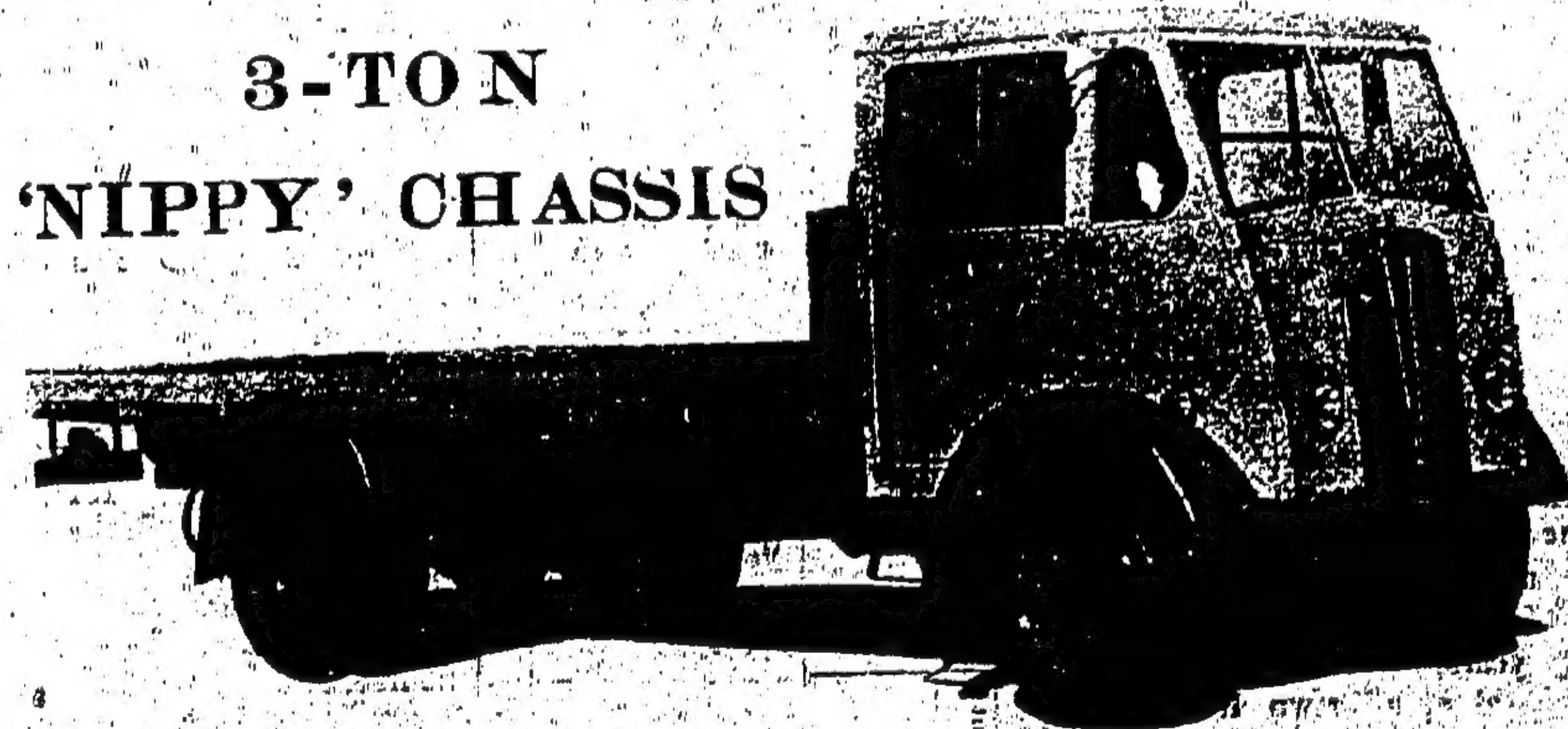
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FINLAND WILLING TO ACCEPT SOVIET DEMANDS IF GIVEN CONCESSIONS IN KARELIAN AUTONOMOUS STATE

LONDON, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—ACCORDING TO THE ROME RADIO, THE FINNISH GOVERNMENT IS SAID TO HAVE DECLARED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO MAKE CONCESSIONS TO RUSSIA, PROVIDED FINLAND IN RETURN IS GIVEN CONCESSIONS IN KARELIA, THE AUTONOMOUS SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC.

A message from Helsinki states that several divisions of Soviet troops, as well as many large tanks and heavy artillery, have been moved to the Finnish frontier.

The Finnish Foreign Minister will broadcast to the United States to-night and there is a desperate hope that the United States will counsel moderation to the Soviet.

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—The Finnish Mission, headed by M. Paasivirta, Finland's Minister in Stockholm and former Prime Minister, arrived here yesterday and was met by M. Barkov, Soviet Chief of Protocol, the Finnish Legation staff and the envoys of the Scandinavian countries.

A message from Berlin states that according to the Official News Agency, the Finnish Foreign Minister, M. Erkkio, will broadcast an appeal to the United States to-day.

Meanwhile, the voluntary evacuation of Helsinki is following and there are long queues outside the stations and banks and air raid precautions are being accelerated.

"AN IRON RING"

MOSCOW, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—The Lithuanian Delegation, which concluded the Soviet-Lithuanian Treaty, attended a dinner in their honour at the Kremlin.

CHAMBERLAIN

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against humanity, following so soon upon violation of the rights of Czechoslovakia as a nation, it has been doomed to disappointment. The Polish State and its leaders are covered with abuse.

"It is evident that Hitler regards that part of Poland he describes as a German sphere of interests as a matter for consideration of Germany alone to be settled solely in accordance with German interests."

HITLER'S VIEW

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "The final shaping of this territory and the question of restoration of the Polish State are in Hitler's view problems which cannot be settled by war in the west but exclusively by Russia on the one side and Germany on the other."

"We must take it then, that the proposals which the German Chancellor puts forward are to be based on the recognition of his conquests. It would be impossible for Britain to accept any such basis without forfeiting her honour and abandoning her claim that international disputes should be settled by discussion and not by force." (Loud and prolonged cheers.)

Mr. Chamberlain went on to say that he would pass over the passages designed to give fresh assurances to Hitler's neighbours since they would know what value should be attached to them by reference to similar assurances he had given in the past.

"Nor can we pass over Hitler's radical departure from the long professed principles of his policy and creed instanced by the inclusion in the German Reich of many millions of Poles and Czechs, despite his repeated professions to the contrary, and by the Pact with the Soviet Union concluded after his repeated violent denunciations of Bolshevism."

UNSUPPORTED WORD

After referring to this repeated disregard of Hitler's word and "sudden reversal of policy," the Prime Minister went on to say, "The plain truth is that after our past experiences it is no longer possible to rely upon the unsupported word of the present German Government (Loud Cheers). It is no part of our policy to exclude from a rightful place in Europe, a Germany which will live in amity and confidence with other nations. On the contrary, we believed that no effective remedy can be found for the world's ills that does not take account of the just claims and needs of all countries and, whenever the time may come, to draw the lines of a new settlement."

NO ARMISTICE DAY OBSERVANCE THIS YEAR

LONDON, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—It was officially announced yesterday in London that His Majesty the King had decided that the Armistice Day Service at the Cenotaph should not be held this year.

A later message from London stated that owing to the necessity of maintaining A.R.P. precautions, there will be no Armistice Day ceremony at the Cenotaph this year. Nov. 11 will be observed as Poppy Day as usual and it is suggested that the following Sunday be observed as a day of remembrance and dedication.

"His Majesty's Government would feel that the future would hold little hope unless such a settlement could be reached through the method of negotiation and agreement. It is not with any vindictive purpose we embarked on the war but simply in defence of freedom."

WORLD PEACE IN JEOPARDY
"It is not alone the freedom of a small nation that is at stake. There is also in jeopardy the peaceful existence of Britain, the Dominions, India and the rest of the British Empire. France and indeed the freedom of all peace loving countries. (Loud cheers)."

"Looking forward to the future we can see deep changes which will inevitably leave their mark on every field of men's thought and action. All nations will have their part to play."

CRUEL LOSS

Mr. Chamberlain said that the Government knew that in a modern war between great powers the victor and vanquished must suffer cruel loss "but surrender to wrong doing would spell the extinction of all hope and annihilation of all those values of life which have through centuries been at once the mark and inspiration of human progress. (Loud cheers)."

"I am certain that all peoples of Europe, including the people of Germany, long for peace, peace which will enable them to live their lives without fear and devote their energies and gifts to the development of their culture and in pursuit of their ideals and improvement of their material prosperity," he concluded.

GERMANY'S CHOICE

Mr. Chamberlain concluded: "There is, thus, a primary consideration to be satisfied. Only the German Government can fulfil it. If they won't there can as yet be no new or better world order. "Either the German Government must give convincing proof of the sincerity of their desire for peace by definite acts and the provision of effective guarantees and their intention to fulfil their undertakings, or we must persevere in our duties to the end. It is for Germany to make her choice. (Loud cheers). "Peace conditions cannot be acceptable which begin by condoning aggression." After saying that Hitler's proposals were uncertain and contained no suggestion for righting

JUST WHAT FRANCE HAS WAITED FOR

PARIS, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—The French Premier's firm reply to Herr Hitler's speech is warmly welcomed by all sections of the Paris press.

The "Figaro" thinks M. Daladier's speech contained all the characteristics of the French race—good feeling, restraint, humanity and indelible tenacity.

"L'Ouvrier" says the speech was clear and reasonable and reflected what the man-in-the-street thinks. It is exactly what the country was waiting for.

The German News Agency comments mildly on the French Premier's speech. It says that, at first reading shows the speech differs on various points from the German views, but on M. Daladier's insistence that a guarantee of security is needed, this is in line with the sentiments expressed in Herr Hitler's own speech.

THREE WEDDINGS AT REGISTRY

The following weddings took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, yesterday, Mr. T. J. Gould, Deputy Registrar of Marriages, officiated.

Mr. Lai Shiu-tung, bank clerk, residing at No. 10, Kennedy Terrace, and Miss Wong Lai-sheng, of No. 4, Perfection Place, Tai Hang; Mr. Li Chun-yuen, merchant, of No. 129, Main Street, and Miss Fan Lai-ching, residing at No. 10, Main Street; Mr. Leung Wing-yun, draughtsman, residing at No. 187, Fleming Road, and Miss Au Lai-yung, mid-wife, of No. 2, Shau-kiwan Road.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:—
Mr. Lau Tin-kwong, merchant, residing at No. 138, Sai Yee Street, and Miss Leo Wah-chun, mid-wife, of No. 137, Sai Yee Street; Mr. Renee Gasparini, residing at No. 108, Austin Road, and Miss Eleanor Alsop Jefferson, of No. 10, Shelley Street, and Miss Fung Mui-sun, of No. 16, W. In Fong East; Lieut. Nigel Hadley Miller D.O.Y. of the Royal Scots, and Miss Dolores Gregory, of No. 460, The Peak.

wrongs, Mr. Chamberlain said, "Even if the proposals contained suggestions to right wrongs it would still be necessary to ask by what practical means the German Government intends to convince the world that aggression will end and pledges will be kept."

Repeating his statement that no reliance could be placed on German promises, Mr. Chamberlain stated: "Acts—not words—must be forthcoming before we British and the people of France, our gallant and trusted ally, would be justified in ceasing to wage the war to the utmost of our strength. The peace which we are determined to secure must be a real and settled peace, not an uneasy truce interrupted by constant alarms and repeated threats. What stands in the way of such a peace?"

"It is the German Government, and the German Government alone, for it is they who by their repeated acts of aggression have robbed all Europe of tranquillity and implanted in the hearts of all their neighbours an ever-present sense of insecurity and fear. I am glad to think there is complete agreement between His Majesty's Government and the French Government."

Mr. Chamberlain referred to M. Daladier's speech and quoted an extract which was loudly cheered. "Advantage has also been taken of the presence in England of the Polish Foreign Minister whom we are very glad to welcome (Loud cheers) to consult with the Polish Government and I am happy to say we have found an entire identity of views (Cheers)."

"Only when world confidence is restored will it be possible to find a solution of the questions disturbing the world and which stand in the way of disarmament and the restoration of trade and prevent the improvement of the well-being of people," concluded the Prime Minister.

COMMONS GIVEN FULL DETAILS OF BRITAIN'S LAND FORCES: WELL & EFFECTIVELY EQUIPPED

LONDON, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—Mr. Leslie Hore Belisha, continuing his statement in the House of Commons yesterday, on the part being played by the British Army in the war, and comparing it with 1914, said: "Now only twenty per cent of the fighting troops are infantry men, with fifty Bren guns, sixteen anti-tank rifles and other weapons as, well, compared with nearly sixty per cent of the fighting troops in 1914 who were infantrymen."

"It will be seen by this one example how much more effectively armed with the fire power is the present expeditionary force. There is, however, one respect in which our Army has not altered; in its relation with our Allies, who have welcomed the men so generously, are as good."

Commenting on what he saw in a recent G. H. Q. visit, Mr. Hore Belisha said, "I would like their parents and wives to know that they are in fine spirits. The only serious shortcomings at the moment appear to be the inadequacy of cigarettes and the slowness in the delivery of letters."

TRAINING SYSTEM

Recalling the peace-time military training system and the doubling of the Territorials, Mr. Hore Belisha said: "Altogether, we had at the disposal of the Army in this country alone, including reservists and militia, the best part of a million men on whom we could call. Never has the total of our armed forces in the United Kingdom approached anywhere near such a total in time of peace. The growth has been rapid and has placed a great burden of organisation on the Regular Army."

Recalling the growth of the Army, Mr. Hore Belisha said that in April a plan for nineteen divisions became a plan for 32.

"This will not be the limit of our effort. Great calls will be made upon our man-power."

Concluding, Mr. Hore Belisha said: "While the world was reading of the German advances into Poland, British soldiers, resolved to rectify this wrong were passing silently and in unceasing sequence across the Channel into France. How strange it is that twice in a generation men should take this journey, and that some should be trading again upon soil made sacred by their fathers."

"We may rest assured that they will acquit themselves with the same tenacity, courage and endurance. However long the struggle and however great the ordeal, they will, as our soldiers did before, take out arms and our cause of freedom to victory."

UNITY OF COMMAND

Replying to a brief debate, Mr. Hore Belisha said: "I have been asked if unity of command is assured. The answer is 'yes, it is.'"

WANCHAI FIRE

A fire which broke out at 10.30 a.m. yesterday on the ground floor of No. 174, Lockhart Road, occupied by the Fun Nam-wah cotton quilt shop, caused about \$1,000 damage, as the entire floor and the stock of quilts was entirely gutted. Three appliances were summoned.

Max Malini, the famous magician, entertained a large number of children at the St. John's Cathedral yesterday.

4,000 PLANES A MONTH!

BRITISH AIRCRAFT IS MORE THAN DOUBLED

LONDON, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—British aircraft production before the start of the present war was well over 1,000 planes a month.

This revelation is made on the highest authority by the air correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph," Group Captain Payne.

He says that the Air Ministry announcement that production is already more than double that at the beginning of September means that the output has been raised to about 4,000 planes a month. This, together with the greatly increased French production, assures an increasing ascendancy in the air of the Allies.

MONUMENT UNVEILED IN SHAI

SHANGHAI, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—Three hundred and five British officers and men who fell defending Shanghai during the Taping Rebellion 70 years ago were honoured when Major-General F. Keith Simmons, Commander of the British forces here, unveiled a monument to their memory at their new resting place in the Hunjo Road Cemetery, which belongs to the Shanghai Municipal Council.

The remains of the men were transferred a few days ago from Nantao, the Chinese area adjacent to the French Concession. The inscription on it reads: "Sacred to the memory of 305 officers and men of the British Army who died in defence of the foreign settlements 1862-1865. In order to secure for violation their last earthly resting place, the mortal remains of these officers and men were removed by the Shanghai Municipal Council from the original soldiers' cemetery adjoining the wall of the old Chinese City and re-interred here on October 3, 1939."

The dead officers and men came from the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers, 1st Battalion, East Surrey Regiment, 8th Regiment, the 19th Baluch Regiment, and certain departmental units.

A Chinese wedding took place in Kowloon yesterday afternoon, the reception being held at the Peninsula Hotel. The bridegroom was Mr. Johnson Lee who recently arrived from Shanghai aboard a Dutch ship.

WESTERN FRONT

PARIS, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—The German High Command seems determined to obtain information of the French strategic positions and their strength along the Rhine-Meuse front.

No big attack, with masses of infantry, has been launched, but persistent raids have been made by small patrols in attempting to gather information and to take prisoners from whom facts of the situation might be gathered.

Machine and light gun fire have held up all raiding parties.

JOINT APPEAL

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Secondly, a military pact without the quartering of Russian troops in Finnish territory.

Thirdly, new economic and political ties, and.

Fourthly, all Germans to be evacuated from Finland. Meanwhile, nearly 30,000 people left Helsinki yesterday in addition to the big towns and smaller ones near the frontier which were also evacuated. All sick and invalids in the hospitals have been sent to the country in ambulance trains.

SUPPLEMENTARY FACT

TALLINN, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—A supplementary Soviet-Estonian Agreement provided for the distribution of Soviet troops in the islands of Oesel and Dagoo and various other centres, including a strip of the west coast.

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NAZI ARMY WANTS VON RIBBENTROP DISMISSED

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URGENT APPROACHES MADE TO HITLER

LONDON, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—It is reliably learned that, in South Germany in the past few days, Herr Hitler has been urgently approached by high German Army officers and prominent private citizens to set up a Commission of Enquiry (on which the Army would be represented) to enquire into the statements of the American journalist, Mr. Knickerbocker, that Nazi leaders have deposited large sums abroad.

It is intolerable (representations to Herr Hitler said) that German soldiers should be giving their lives in the defence of the Nazi Government, against their own laws, are preparing to flee abroad at the first sign of adversity.

ANOTHER REPORT

The report is of particular interest, taken in conjunction with another reliable report that the Army asking for the dismissal of the Foreign Minister, Herr Von Ribbentrop, for purposely misinforming Herr Hitler of the British and French reaction to the invasion of Poland.

WARNING TO HOCKEY PLAYERS

Members of hockey clubs affiliated to the Hongkong Hockey Association are reminded that they are not permitted to participate in any representative matches not sponsored by the Association.

This statement was made at the conclusion of the Hongkong Hockey Association Council meeting held at the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday.

The Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament is due to commence on Monday, Oct. 15. So far only five entries have been received and they are the C.E.A. Radio, R.A.O.C. Club de Recreio and Nomads.

UMPIRES ASSOCIATION

It was decided that the Umpires Board be named the Umpires Association, and will consist of the following—President—O. T. Palmer, Secretary—K. Russell, Army representative—Major Whitley and Navy representative—Comdr. J. Corke-Hill.

Officers for the Hongkong Hockey Association League are as follows: Secretary—L. Tyler, Committee—A. E. P. Guest, J. Goncalves and A. N. Other.

Interpret Selection Committee—G. T. Palmer, Lt.-Comdr. J. P. Gunner and Lt. J. R. Ferris.

Aerodromes will be built on two sites to the south of Tallinn.

HELSINKI, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—An official spokesman stated that a feeling of optimism prevails at the Foreign Office regarding the outcome of the talks in Moscow. He also expressed appreciation of the American, British and Scandinavian sympathies.

Helsinki University has been closed indefinitely as most of the undergraduates have joined the Army. The City Council has granted permission for establishing air raid precautions in city streets and courtyards.

BRITISH DESTROYERS SINK TWO U-BOATS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (REUTER).—How two German U-Boats were sunk by British destroyers was described by members of the crew of the British freighter Newton Pine (4,212 tons) of the Tynehead Line, which arrived in America yesterday.

One of the seamen said that they left England after war was declared and for the first four days of the voyage were convoyed by destroyers.

Three German submarines tried to attack the convoy and from the decks of the Newton Pine they saw two U-Boats sunk.

One was only 100 yards from their port rail and after the destroyers had dropped depth charges, a great geyser of oil and wreckage shot above the surface.

They also saw a British steamer sunk by a torpedo. A British ship was steaming up to join the convoy when a torpedo hit her. There was one big explosion and the ship literally vanished.

NAVAL WEDDING IN SINGAPORE

Lt. R. E. Boddington & Miss H. E. Hance

The wedding took place at St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on October 2, between Lieut. Robert Evelyn Boddington, of the H.M. Submarine Rover, and son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Boddington, of Hinton, Peterborough, Bedfordshire, and Miss Heather Elizabeth Hance, daughter of Mr. J. Hance, formerly with Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, Hongkong, and now retired and Mrs. Hance.

The Rev. N. Williams, of H.M.S. Medway, officiated.

The bride was given away by Capt. Hubert Marsham, Commander of the Rover, and was dressed in a gown of white French crepe, and wore a sapphire and diamond pendant, a gift from the bridegroom. She also had a tulle veil with a garland of flowers in her hair and her bouquet was of lilies and carnations.

Miss Stella Strachen-Smith, the bridesmaid, wore a dress of blue georgette, and carried a bouquet of hydrangeas and daisies. The best man was Lieut. R. A. St. Clair Spruell-Bolton, of H.M. Submarine Proteus.

The reception was held at the Airport Hotel, and the honeymoon is to be spent at the Sea View Hotel.

The bride's going-away ensemble consisted of a white pigskin suit with turban and an orange blouse and accessories.

WORKMAN ELECTROCUTED

A verdict of death by misadventure was returned by the Coroner Mr. E. Himsforth, at Kowloon Court yesterday when an inquiry was held into the death of a workman, Chan I-tai, whose dead body was found on the roof of Chinman's Garage on September 2.

Dr. H. E. Tai, who conducted the post mortem, said that death was due to electric shock. Mr. A. Spary, of the P.W.D., told the Court he inspected the roof following the accident and found that a metal sheet, used in constructing a building, had been laid on the wire, causing the rubber insulation, and thereby causing the metal sheet to come "alive."



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Suggestions For Home Vegetable Cultivation

The following suggestions on how fresh vegetables may be grown in Hongkong, thus alleviating the dependence of the Colony upon outside sources, is from the pen of Mr. F. Filippance, Superintendent of the Botanical and Forestry Department, and is issued by the Nutrition Research Committee.

The abnormal times in which we live demands from us all some sort of effort to help things along. Not the least important of these is the necessity for ensuring that Hongkong shall have a sufficiency of fresh vegetables in order to provide a satisfactory diet for its large population.

Of this large quantity of vegetables consumed daily only a relatively small amount is produced in the Colony. A much greater proportion could be produced if a concerted effort were made. It is in this connection that many residents can help, for by production for home consumption in their own gardens and homes, they will be helping to ensure that market stocks will be sufficient to provide for everyone. In addition, they will help to prevent prices rising should supplies be insufficient to meet demand at any time.

Types of Garden

For those householders who have a garden or back yard the matter is fairly simple and involves a general vegetable garden procedure which may be seen at many places in Hongkong and Kowloon. In the case of those people who are not so situated it is still possible for them to produce some vegetables if they have an open verandah or flat roof available.

To do this it is necessary to establish what might be termed a "pot garden." In this type of garden all sorts of receptacles may be used such as tubs, boxes, flower pots, tins, etc., of a size sufficiently large to give the necessary root room to the plants.

Requirements

The important requirements in vegetable production are, firstly, good soil, water, and of course, seeds. Soil can be obtained almost anywhere, but it does not follow that satisfactory results will be obtained unless attention is

given to providing the plants with some of the essential plant foods. Whether the vegetable garden is a piece of land or a "spot garden" such is the composition of most of the Colony soils that it is wise to put something into the soil if one hopes to obtain a crop from it.

In the Urban area the use of animal manure is not in the best interests of health so that it becomes necessary to try to improve the soil by other means. While not ideal, quite a lot can be done by utilising substances which are often thrown away or burnt. Chief of these are grass trimmings, leaves, garden rubbish generally, wood ash from cooking operations and ash from the garden rubbish heap.

All these contain extremely useful plant foods and if treated properly they provide a useful substitute for manure. It is necessary to put them into the ground or incorporate them in the potting soil in a broken down form, that is, they should be in a well rotted state.

Heap in Layers

This can be brought about more quickly by making a heap in layers, i.e., a layer of rubbish, a layer of soil, and so on. It should be well watered occasionally and be turned from time to time. When sufficiently decomposed, wood ash, etc., and a sprinkling of lime should be added; this compost should be incorporated in the soil either by digging in or mixing with the potting soil. For those people able to afford it a complete plant fertilizer in correct proportions should be added to the compost. For the "pot garden" a mixture of this nature incorporated into the ordinary soil, will produce very much better results. In the case of those people so placed, that even this addition is not possible, there still remains the wood ash and (if it can be managed) a little lime, which will make the soil more productive and give some return for the labour spent on the work.

Round The Shops

TWIN SETS

The sweater and skirt are always a cherished possession of the autumn and winter wardrobe, and LANE, CRAWFORD'S is the shop where you will find this particular item of your sport's wardrobe. Twin sets in the new shade of tomato, and turquoise, a new shade, blends beautifully with many colours in skirts. Don't forget the lovely cashmere selections by "Jaeger."

AFTERNOON FROCK

RIVELLE, in the Gloucester Arcade, is where you will find the latest in afternoon and evening attire. Crepe models with full skirts and interesting bodice treatments. The large assortment of evening attire includes the various new models, and the sophisticated fashion of novel colour scheme combined with interesting sparkling trimmings.

AUTUMN FELTS

Hats and shoes! The outstanding accessories of the costume—try MAYOS, in the Arcade. New millinery models have just been received, fur felts in shades of navy, brown, and the popular black. The shapes vary, and the new crushed crowns are extremely smart.

The exotic and lovely evening gowns are the latest arrivals in the Colony and their fantastic styling will not only please, but definitely intrigue you, in their novel treatment.

NEW AND OLD

To-day, at REMÉ, the shop where the chic and ultra smart chapeaux are sold, a new shipment of French and fur felts arrive for autumn costumes.

If you are retrenching see what this shop can do with your last year's favourite felt. The blocking, cleaning and re-fashioning of last year's bonnet means a new style for this coming season.

And don't forget this season's evening attire calls for evening millinery. The selection is small in this particular group, but copies can be made exact and in this shop you will find quality and inexpensiveness combined.

BEAUTY HINT



The Parakeet is a new elegance in hair dress. It is created by pulling the hair back and then across the crown, from a left front part the hair is brushed up and back in a roll ending in two flat curls, and is caught tightly just above the curls with a wide grain-bow.

Golden City Restaurant Now Open

Yesterday marked the grand opening of the Golden City Restaurant. A de luxe, Chinese restaurant, it is situated in the busy heart of the town, a stone's throw from the newly-built Central Market. Its building of five storeys, partly of marble and partly of terrazzo ranks as the first of its kind where restaurants in the Colony are concerned.

The interior decorations are a combination of classical and modernistic Chinese craftsmanship. Each little spot in the building with the exception of the third storey which is more Roman than Chinese in design, reproduces a place either of great historical interest or scenic beauty in China.

In the first storey is to be found the "Pavilion of the Lake's Heart" of the famous West Lake in Hangchow, while the second storey is replaced by more modern structures, symbolising the progress of modern China. The fourth storey brings us back to Peking, (now called Peiping), capital of Imperial China. Here one sees the Summer Palace, the Temple and Altar of Heaven (Tien Tan), the Wall of



HORIZONTAL GATHERING on the bodice and halter and shoulder straps are the only break in the utter simplicity of this black and crepe evening gown, worn by Lorraine Day, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer actress. The skirt is toe-length in front; its back fullness swings to a slight train. A long-sleeved bolero, with gold embroidery border, is worn with the gown.

TO BE IN FASHION

Variety and discretion are the better part of autumn's and winter's wardrobe. Molyneux's hoop-flared day skirts walk beside Piguet's modern peg-topped "hobble" skirts. Balenciaga's wide Velasquez pannier dresses dance past Paquin's tightly wrapped mummy-skirts. Schiaparelli's full, Turkish-harem, ankle-length evening clothes vie with her own slim 1880 bustle-backed skirts.

Molyneux's plastered-to-the-figure bodices for day are directly in contrast to Chanel's softly shirred ones. So be careful—use discretion. Suzy says, tuck your hair in a smooch bag. Talbot says, wrap your chin in a mesh bandage veil. And Schiaparelli says, hold your hat on with a forehead or chin strap. Nothing varies more, than silhouette. You can look as different as your worst enemy, and both of you will be right. The only thing you must have in common is a tiny waist held in, if necessary, by super light-weight, boned, and laced corsets. There isn't a silhouette in Paris, England or America, that doesn't cave in at the waist.

PEG-TOP EFFECT

Piguet's modern variation of the hobble-skirt, in which you can actually walk comfortably, is merely a revival from pre-World-War days. The peg-top effect, a narrow look around the knees and soft drapery around the hips is something you'd better get used to.

Flared-skirts continue youthful and easy to wear, particularly when flared, from the hip-bone with godets such as Molyneux's or when topped with the shortest fur bolero and held in with the widest belts. When day skirts are full, they look better short; when slim or draped, they are worn a little longer.

Individual proportions should be studied, every woman taking a good look at her legs before she decides where her skirts should end.

CIGARETTE SILHOUETTE

The cigarette silhouette belongs to Schiaparelli. Long, tubular jackets discreetly draped up in back, a feminine look around the chin with fur bibs, ribbon or tulle hat strings tying under the chin, fur or fabric muffs over the stomach.

Nine Dragons (Jeu Long Elu), the Temple of the Happy Year (Chi Nien Tien) and other sanctuaries in which the Emperor himself worshipped.

The restaurant is staffed with the best Chinese cooks who have come from all parts of the country, and European customers who appreciate things Chinese are specially catered for at moderate charges. The kitchen department, installed under the most hygienic conditions, is open to inspection at all times during the day. With pretty Chinese waitresses who have undergone a course of training in manners befitting their duties of entertaining guests, one is assured of comfort and service without parallel in the Far East.

And very, very important common denominator at night is that covered look, even in formal dresses. Bare, strapless shoulders are still shown, but sheltered shoulders outnumber them. Long sleeves and high necks, developed in superb fabrics, achieve the new elegance. The focal point is from the waist down. Bodices are moulded to below the hips with flared tulle skirts.

Molyneux's perfectly proportioned, ankle-length evening dresses will destroy any resistance you have to short evening skirts. So will Schiaparelli's ankle-length harem-skirts turned under at the hem.

BLACK DOMINATES

Your colours and fabrics—black dominates all the smart fashion centres. Most brilliant of the colours are billiard-green, cerise, orange, and Lelong's Robin Hood red and greens, but what looks newest are colours suggesting threatening skies: thunderous greys, thick-mist blues, sea-storm greens, and purples so dark they have the quality of black. They suggest such adjectives as sullen, foreboding, inky and stormy.

Day fabrics include soft woolsens, spangly crepes, duvetynes, miles of silk or wool jersey, miles of black silk velvet. For evening, extremely rich fabrics. Again much velvet, damasks, taffetas, brocades, stiff and soft satins, black moire with wide satin stripes, plaid and checked velvets, many of them actual reproductions of last century fabrics.

LATEST IN HEADS

The chief newcomer in coiffures is the head with two or four vertical curls set at the nape of the neck or flat against the base of the head.

Schiaparelli alone continues sleek, brushed-up hair with a huge, loose puff-roll on top.

Long locks are held captive and kempt looking in smooch-bags. Balenciaga suggests that your head look like Velasquez's Infanta, and milliner Legros carried out the idea by making a tiny violet felt hat with black fox tails hanging down each side.

At night, he manages the Infanta look by tying multiple ribbon bow-knots on both sides of the head.

And Chanel piles glycerinated ostrich, flecked with pale-leaves into a towering evening head-dress.

For general daytime wear the coiffure sweeps back from the ears and sides of the brow to finish in the back in long round curls which drop to the nape of the neck and hang loosely. The up in the back style is on the wane. Barretts and novelty hair pins are back in the market, and are being worn by all fashionable ladies.

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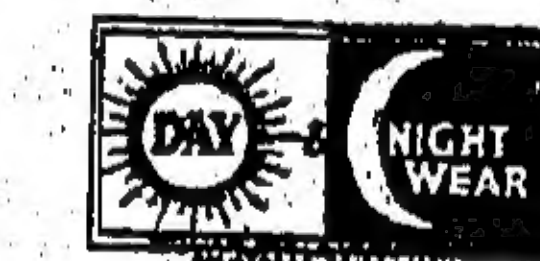
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PRESTO! THE SCOOP OF THE MONTH

TWO OUTSTANDING COSTUMES for autumn and winter that will be most satisfying and interesting to the ladies with a "clothes budgeting" problem are a morning and afternoon costume.

The particular two selections can be varied by their accessories to mean four entirely different and novel outfits.

First Costume

AND HERE THEY ARE: The little black wool suit, consisting of a collarless bellhop jacket and flared skirt, is most important and new. With the suit use a black stitched suede bag with a glint of metal; a scarlet suede beret (extremely new and smart); and a red jersey boat-neck shirt. Red suede slip-on gloves and black suede and alligator calf pumps complete number one picture.

With the same two piece black suit and for dressier occasions wear a red, black and white check taffeta blouse, black felt accordion crown hat with red band, black suede gloves, and high-cut black suede shoes.

Second Costume

AND NOW FOR THE SECOND COSTUME: The basic dress is in black rayon crepe, long-sleeved and collarless, with bodice shirred on to a bib-yoke, and gathered on skirt with front fullness. With this dress wear a black suede box hat, cushion-brim black felt hat with mustard suede band and natural quill, and black suede cut-out shoes. A mustard suede belt, with covered buckle, and matching mustard suede gloves finishes the costume.

To be absolutely dressy wearing this same frock of "Bright Black" use the same black suede bag and shoes with a shirred velvet toque with snood, a golden necklace and black suede gloves.

The expense of these two styles and their accessories is quite small, you will find "quality" and not "quantity."

Finance and Commerce

Anglo-Soviet Barter Pact

RUSSIAN TIMBER FOR BRITISH TIN AND RUBBER

LONDON, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—It was officially announced that an agreement was concluded yesterday between the Ministry of Supply and the Soviet Trade Delegation to exchange Russian Timber for certain quantities of rubber and tin.

The agreement is described as a commercial transaction, not political.

It is pointed out that these commodities are normally part of Anglo-Russian Trade dealings.

The announcement mentions the impediment of shipping in Russian ports after the ice sets in and states that the difficulties caused by withholding export licences had the effect of holding up a number of cargoes of wood.

OBJECT OF PACT

The object of the negotiations was to secure the release of goods needed by Russia and vice versa. The tin involved has, to a large extent, been paid for through instalments in a long running commercial contract. The quantities are not regarded as exceptional and all prices of wood, tin and rubber were fixed.

U.S. TO BOYCOTT GERMAN AND SOVIET GOODS

NEW YORK, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—The American Federation of Labour passed a resolution unanimously confirming the Trade Union boycott of German goods.

The Federation extended the boycott to Russian goods and to all other countries who might join the totalitarians against countries with a Parliamentary Government.

HONGKONG SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Volume Of Business Transacted on Thursday, Oct. 12, 1939.

H.K. Docks	100	\$18.00
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China Provident	1,000	4.15
Cements	200	14.35
H.K. Wharves	125	101.00
A. S. Watsons	500	8.00

The value of the goods exchanged will be absolutely equal and the amount depends on what can physically be moved from northern ports before the ice season. It is anticipated that this may only be the first of a series of negotiations with Russia.

WAR WILL HELP SOUTH AFRICA TO DEVELOP HER MINERAL ORES

Enough For Own And Allies' Needs

CAPETOWN, Oct. 12 (Reuter)—In South Africa it is expected that the war will lead to a development of the Dominion's mineral ores. It is calculated that the Dominion will produce enough for her own requirements and also will be able to ship the surplus to Great Britain and the Allies.

South Africa contains nearly all the metals and oils required by modern industry, though only the more accessible products are now being worked.

Mining products are exported as raw materials, the finished articles being mainly imported.

BASE METALS
Among the base metals in South Africa are asbestos, chrome and manganese. There are large reserves of these and also of iron, copper, tin and vanadium.

The recent advance in technical skill will enable most of the problems of plant and equipment to be solved locally.

An estimate made two years ago placed the value of South Africa's untouched base minerals at over £30,000,000.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTERS SERVICE)

London, October 11.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

War Loan, 3½% (Red. after 1952)	88½
Canton-K'loon Rly. 5%	9
Chinese 4½% Gold Loan, 1898 (Brit. Issue)	40
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925-47	30
Chin. 4½% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	30
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	18
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	25
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	6
Chin. Imperial Rly. 5% Loan	43
Honan Rly. 5%	10
Hukang Rly. 5%, 1911	11
Hukang Rly. 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	11
Lung Tsing & U. Hai Rly. 5% 1913	8
S'hai-N'king Rly. 5%	11
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (German Stpd.)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	9
Tientsin-Pukow Rly. 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	9
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1907	30½
Jap. 6% Ster. Loan, 1924	36
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	9
Chartered Bank	68
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	73
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	75
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	12½
Chosen Corporation	3/9
Pekin Syndicate	—
S'hai Elec. Const. Co.	—
S'hai Waterworks "A"	10
Union Insurance	19
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/7½
Allied Ironfounders	15/9
Asso. & Elec. Industries	33/9
Austin Motors, ord.	17/8
Cable & Wireless, New Form, ord.	47½
H.A. Tob. (bearer)	83/9
Mercantile Bank	10½
Cammell Laird, ord.	6/3
Mexican Eagle	5
Courtaulds	28
Distillers	87
Dunlop Rubber	25/8
Gen. Electric (England)	86/3
Guinness (A) Son & Co.	83/9
Hawker Siddeley Airc.	15/1½
Bristol Aeroplane	17/3
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28/9
Imperial Tobacco	113/9
Marks & Spencer "A" ord.	48/4½
Rolls Royce	90
Leyland Motors	83/9
Tate & Lyle	58/9
Turner & Newall	72/9
United Steel	21/10½
Smithwick Droy Forg.	14/6
Armstrong-Stevens, ord.	5/3
Pressed Steel, com.	12/9
Vickers, ord.	18
Woolworths	57/6



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A good turnover was reported in Cements and to a lesser degree in China Lights, Providents, Watsons, Docks and Tram. Although there were enquiries for the "heavier" stocks the prices offered are still unattractive to holders.

BUYERS

Canton Ins., \$202½	
Union Ins., \$365	
Fire Ins., \$170	
Docks, \$172	
Rauhe, \$94	
H. & S. Hotels, \$44	
Lands, \$32	
Realities, \$41½	
Tramways, \$15.70	
China Lights (O), \$7.85	
China Lights (N), \$4.90	
Electrics, \$48½	
Telephones (O), \$20	
Dairy Farms (O), \$20.30	
Dairy Farms (N), \$19½	
Watsons, \$7.90	
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan, 98½	

SALES

H.K. Bank, \$1250	
Docks, \$18	
Providents, \$41½	
Tramways, \$15.90	
China Lights (O), \$8	
Cements, \$14½/35	
Watsons, \$8	

SELLERS

Providents, \$430	
Sandakan Lights, \$11½	

PHILIPPINE GOLD MINING QUOTATIONS

Mamila Gold Shares—Bogons	
Mining 18, Mine Operations 08	
North Camarines 12, Mindanao	
Motherlode 05½	

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Oct. 11 (Reuter).
buyers sellers

Standard, Cash 230	unquoted
Standard, 3 months 230	unquoted

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HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Price	Nominal	THURSDAY 12 OCT.	Buyers	Sellers	Price	Nominal
\$1240	\$1245	50...	H.K. Banks	\$1240	\$1245	50...	H.K. Banks	
		275	Do. (Col. Reg.)			275	Do. (Col. Reg.)	
		273	Do. (Lon. Reg.)			273	Do. (Lon. Reg.)	
		263	Chartered Bank			263	Chartered Bank	
		261	Mercantile Bk. "A"			261	Mercantile Bk. "A"	
		210½	Mercantile Bk. "C"			210½	Mercantile Bk. "C"	
		272	Bank of East Asia			272	Bank of East Asia	
		72	N. C. & S. Banks			72	N. C. & S. Banks	
			Insurances				Insurances	
\$202½			Canton Insurance	\$200			Canton Insurance	
\$37½			Union Insurance	\$365			Union Insurance	
\$170			Underwriters	\$170			Underwriters	
			H.K. Fire				H.K. Fire	
			Shipping				Shipping	
		267	Deutsche	267			Deutsche	
		112	Steamboats	112			Steamboats	
		260	Indo-China (Pref.)	250			Indo-China (Pref.)	
		230	Indo-China (Def.)	220			Indo-China (Def.)	
		23/1½	Shells	23/1½			Shells	
		\$8.10	Waterboats	\$8			Waterboats	
			Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.	
\$4.10	\$4.30	\$4.30	H.K. & K. Wharves	\$4.30	\$4.25		H.K. & K. Wharves	
			Providents (new)				Providents (new)	
\$17½		\$18	H.K. & W. Docks	\$17½		\$18	H.K. & W. Docks	
			Do. (new)				Do. (new)	
		212½	Shanghai Docks	210½			Shanghai Docks	
		27½	New Engineering S.	28.30			New Engineering S.	
			Mining				Mining	
		12/6	Kulans	12/6			Kulans	
			Bauas				Bauas	
		4	Venezuela Gold Fide	4			Venezuela Gold Fide	
		4 cts	Hong Kong Mines				Hong Kong Mines	
			Lands, Hotels and Buildings				Lands, Hotels and Buildings	
\$4½			H.K. Hotels	\$4.60			H.K. Hotels	
\$2½			H.K. Lands	\$3			H.K. Lands	
			Do. 4% Debentures	98½			Do. 4% Debentures	
\$4.10			Shanghai Lands S.	\$4.30			Shanghai Lands S.	
			H.K. Realities	\$7.80			H.K. Realities	
			Humphreys				Humphreys	
			Chinese Estates				Chinese Estates	
		\$100	Cotton Mills				Cotton Mills	
		119.85	Ken (S.)	\$21			Ken (S.)	
		\$185	S'hai Cottons (S.)	\$110			S'hai Cottons (S.)	
		\$42	Zong Sing (S.)	\$40			Zong Sing (S.)	
		\$48½	Wing On Textile (S.)	\$50			Wing On Textile (S.)	
			Public Utilities				Public Utilities	
\$15.70			Tramways	\$16			Tramways	
		\$7.40	Pak Trams (old)	\$7.40			Pak Trams (old)	
		\$3.70	Pak Trams (new)	\$3.70			Pak Trams (new)	
		\$31½	S'hai Ferries	\$30			S'hai Ferries	
		\$22	Y'hai Ferries	\$22.30			Y'hai Ferries	
			China Lights (O)				China Lights (O)	
\$7.85	\$7.95		China Lights (New)	\$7.80			China Lights (New)	
\$4.90			China Lights Bz.	\$4½			China Lights Bz.	
			H.K. Electrics	\$49½			H.K. Electrics	
		\$11½	Macao Electric				Macao Electric	
			Sandakan Light				Sandakan Light	
\$30			Telephones (old)	\$31			Telephones (old)	
		\$7.6	Telephones (new)	\$7½			Telephones (new)	
		19/0	Traction (pref.)	22			Traction (pref.)	
			Industrials				Industrials	
		\$14	Cad. Macg. (Ord.) S.				Cad. Macg. (Ord.) S.	
		\$13	Cad. Macg. (Pref.) S.				Cad. Macg. (Pref.) S.	

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS

OCTOBER 12, 1939

On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/3 13/16	
Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 13/16	
Credits 4 months sight 1/3 3/4	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand 310	
On Singapore:—	
On demand 1/2 1/2	
On Japan:—	
On demand 1/2 1/2	
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 1/2	
and demand 1/2 1/2	
On New York:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 3/4 7/8	
Credits, 60 days sight 3/4 3/4	
On Batavia:—	
On demand 40 3/4	
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills, on demand 108 1/2	
Credits 4 months sight 114 1/2	
On Saigon:—	
On demand 107 1/2	
On Manila:—	
On demand 48 3/4	
On Bangkok:—	
On demand 150 1/4	
Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate 1/4	
Bar Silver per oz 32 1/2	

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 22 1/2 for Ready and 22 1/4 for Forward. Silver advances reported a quiet and featureless market. American Silver was quoted at 38 3/8 for Spot.

The London/New York cross-rate was quoted at 402. New York/London was quoted at 403 1/2.

Sterling

There were sellers at 1/3 October/January and 1/2 31/32 February/March, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 25 1/4 October, 25 3/16 November and 25 1/8 December, buyers at 25 1/8 Cash, 25 1/4 November and 25 1/8 December.

Shanghai Dollars

T.T. opened with sellers at 317. The highest rate touched was 318. Towards the close there were sellers at 318.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers at 4 1/2 3/4 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 7 1/3 1/4 for Spot. Sterling closed with sellers at 4 1/2 1/8 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 7 1/8 for Spot.

Afternoon Market

The market was quiet in the afternoon.

Sterling

The market closed with sellers at 1/3 October/January and 1/2 31/32 February/March, buyers at 1/3 1/32 Cash and 1/3 February.

U.S. Dollars

The market closed with sellers at 25 1/4 Cash, possibly October, 25 3/16 November and 25 1/8 December, buyers at 25 1/8 Cash, 25 1/4 November and 25 1/8 December.

Shanghai Dollars

Sellers at 4 1/2 1/8 for Spot and U.S. Dollars at 7 1/8 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Oct. 12 (Reuters). Official T.T. Rates.

Opening

London 0/4
New York 8-11/16
Japan 23-1/2
India 22-1/4
Paris 2-3/4
Hongkong 26-5/8

Selling

Spot 0/4-21/32 0/4-11/16
Oct. 0/4-41/64 0/4-43/64
Nov. 0/4-37/64 0/4-39/64

U.S. Dollars

Spot 37-13/16 37-7/8
Oct. 7-25/32 7-27/32
Nov. 7-5/8 7-11/16

Market—Quiet

Merchant Rate
Sterling, 0/4-19/32
U.S. Dollars, 37-11/16

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. to-day was 1/2-1/2, unchanged from yesterday.

The Equalisation rate was 19 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Oct. 11 (Reuters). T.T. on London (Opening Rate). 403-5/8.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

OCT. 12, 1939

STOCKS	Last Sale Oct. 11	STOCKS	Last Sale Oct. 11
Adams Express	9 1/2	J. & Laughlin Steel	7 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	24 1/2	Kanawha Copper	39 1/2
Allied Stores	9 1/2	Lake Foundry & Mac.	3 1/2
Allis Chalmers	43 1/2	Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	5 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	94	Lockheed Aircraft	28 1/2
Amerasia Corp.	—	Loew's Inc.	34
Amer. Can.	113 1/2	Manhattan Shirt Co.	—
Amer. Cyanamid B.	33 1/2	Martin, Glen L.	38 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	21	McKesson, Robbins	15 1/2
Amer. & Foreign 87 pt.	35 1/2	Monsanto Chemical	107
American Gas & Elec.	38 1/2	Montgomery Ward	53 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	29 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	15 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	26	Nat. Distiller	23 1/2
Amer. Radiator	10 1/2	National Gypsum	10 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	20 1/2	National Lead	21 1/2
Amer. Sling and R'ing Co.	55 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	9
Amer. Sugar Ref.	24 1/2	National Steel Corp.	77 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	162 1/2	Nat. Supply Corp.	11 1/2
Amer. Tobacco "B"	80 1/2	Nat. York Central	21 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	14	Niagara Hudson Power	7 1/2
Anaconda Copper	31 1/2	N. American Aviation	20 1/2
Atchafalpa, T. & S. Fe.	3	North American Co.	23 1/2
Auburn Motors	7 1/2	North Pacific	11 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	17 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	63
Barber Asphalt Co.	16 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	29 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	16 1/2	Pacific Lighting	45 1/2
Bendix Aviation	28 1/2	Packard Motors	3 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	89	Paramount Pictures	7 1/2
Bills & Co.	16 1/2	Paramount Pictures R.R.	25 1/2
Boeing Airplane Co.	26 1/2	Phelps-Dodge	44 1/2
Borg-Warner	27 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	45 1/2
Sigs Manufacturing	24 1/2	Phillips Petroleum & Iron	10 1/2
Brooklyn-Mhattan Trans.	11 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	38 1/2
B'klyn-Mhattan 88 cum pt.	41	Pullman Inc.	38
Canadian Pacific Rwy.	5 1/2	Pure Oil	10
Cash, J.I.	83	Radio Corp. of Am.	5 1/2
Celanese	26 1/2	Reading Company, Com.	20
Chesapeake & Ohio	43	Reading Company, 1st pfd	23 1/2
Chrysler Corp.	91 1/2	Remington Arms Co. Inc.	5 1/2
Colts Patent Fire-Arms	87	Republic Steel	26 1/2
Columbia Gas & El.	7 1/2	Reynold Tobac "B"	39 1/2
Columbia 6% "A" pt	83	Richfield Oil	8 1/2
Commercial	45 1/2	Safeway Stores	43 1/2
Commonwealth & S. (ord.)	1 1/2	Schenley Distillers	—
Cwealth & S. 8% cum pt.	67 1/2	Schenley, 5% pfd.	—
Consolidated Edison	30 1/2	Seam Roebuck	78 1/2
Consolidated Oil	8 1/2	Seversky Aircraft	4 1/2
Continental Can.	47 1/2	Shell Union Oil	14 1/2
Continental Oil	28 1/2	Socony-Vacuum Oil	14
Corn Products	61 1/2	Southern Pacific	17 1/2
Curtis Wright (A)	7	Southern Ry 3 1/2 pfd.	32 1/2
Curtis Wright (C)	26	Sperry	48
Deere & Co.	23 1/2	Speer Manufacturing Co.	28 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	78 1/2	Standard Brands	6
Du Pont de Nemours	180 1/2	Standard Gas & Elec.	3
Eagle Picher Lead	12	Standard Oil of California	28 1/2
Eaton Mfg. Co.	26 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	48
Elec. Autolite	38	Stone & Webster	12 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share	9 1/2	Swift International	31 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 35 pt.	57 1/2	Technicolor	11 1/2
Elec. Bond & Share 36 pt.	57 1/2	Texas Corp.	47 1/2
Elec. Power & Light 37 pt.	33 1/2	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Flintkote	17 1/2	Trans-America Co.	—
Flood Machinery Corp.	33 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	14 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	80 1/2	20th Cent. Fox 3 1/2 pt.	24
Gen. Electric	40 1/2	Union Carbide & Carbon	89 1/2
Gen. Motors	54 1/2	Union Pacific	102
Gen. Railway Signal	23 1/2	United Aircraft	44 1/2
General Tire & Rubber Co.	22 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	11 1/2
Gilman Co.	18 1/2	United Corp.	2 1/2
Goodrich (S.F.)	22 1/2	United Corp. 3 cum pt.	38 1/2
Goodrich 5 1/2 pt.	64 1/2	United Gas Corp.	2 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	28	United Gas Improvement	14
Great Northern Iron Ore	18 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	24
Great Northern Ry. pfd.	30 1/2	U.S. Rubber	41 1/2
Great Western Sugar	31	U.S. Rubber 8 1/2 pfd.	104 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	16 1/2	U.S. Steel	75 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	89 1/2	Vanadium	36
Hormel Meats	53 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	41
Industrial Rayon	26 1/2	Westinghouse Elec.	118 1/2
International Harvester	64 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	29
Int. Nickel	38 1/2	Chase National Bank	36 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	51 1/2	National City Bank	29 1/2
Johns Manville	78		

* bid. * ex div.

DOW JONES AVERAGE

1939	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Oct. 10, 1939	High	Low	Dow Jones Average	Change
1939	153.99	131.44	130 Industrial	150.88	151.99	131.49	131.31	88 up
	36.90	24.14	20 Rail	33.90	31.12	23.59	23.95	15 up
	37.07	20.71	20 Utilities	33.88	25.55	21.33	21.81	16 up
	93.21	65.51	40 Bonds	89.70	89.70	89.71	89.71	61 up
	80.83	45.59	11 Commodity Index	85.15	75.51	75.51	75.51	46 up

Business Done—430,000 shares

SILVER MARKET

LONDON SILVER

London, Oct. 11 (Reuters). Silver—Market quiet and featureless in the afternoon, the market was quiet, with buyers reserved.

Spot, 22-1/2

Forward, 22-1/4

NEW YORK SILVER

New York, Oct. 11 (Reuters). Official Price, 34-3/8.

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Oct. 11 (Reuters). Market—Steady. 90 take 90 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready 58-14
Nov. 4 Settlement 59-01
Dec. 5 Settlement 59-05

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Oct. 11 (Reuters). Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 85-08-0.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Oct. 11 (Reuters). T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4.

T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4

T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4

T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4

T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4

T.T. on Japan, 73-3/4

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PAYNE & CO. COMMODITY BROKERS STOCK EXCHANGE BUILDING HONGKONG

COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW (FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, October 11, 1939.

SINGAPORE RUBBER	buyers	October 10	October 11	change
S P O T	33-1/4	34	34	up 3/4
JAN-MARCH	31-3/4	32-1/2	32	"
APRIL-JUNE	31-1/4	32	32	"

The market was steady.

COTTON: Prices advanced easily on domestic trade buying, which, however, was only of moderate proportions. Hedging was small on prospects that the Government will shortly be making loans to the farmers against "spot" cotton. Cotton cloth sales for the past two weeks were encouraging. We favour a constructive attitude.

RUBBER: The strength of the market is largely reflecting the firmness of the London market and the continued reports of London buying to fulfill the Barter agreement. Commission Houses were buying and covering. Dealers were not in the market.

WHEAT: Early easiness was in evidence, prices being influenced by a fair amount of profit-taking and realizing. Prices turned firmer, however, in the later period of trading, following receipt of reports of complaints of drought conditions in the South-west, thus bringing renewed Commission House demand and local short-covering. Attention is being given that if this drought should continue unbroken for the next three weeks, it would be certain to result in a short crop in 1940.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 150.86. To-day's Close, 151.34. Change, up 58.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, Dec.	8.89	8.83	8.87	.04 up
New York Rubber, Dec.	19.63	19.39	19.13	.46 up
Chicago Wheat, Dec.	83 1/2	82 1/2	83 1/2	1 up
Chicago Corn, Dec.	50 1/4	49 1/4	50 1/4	1 off
Winnipeg Wheat, Dec.	—	70 1/2	71 1/2	1 up
New York Hides, Dec.	14.89	14.45	14.40	.49 up

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
October	9.12/12	9.13/12	9.15/16	.04 up
December	8.82/83	8.83/84	8.88/87	.04 up
January	8.65/65	unquoted	8.79 N	.14 up
February	—	8.57/88	8.58/88	—
March	8.47/47	8.51/51	8.52/52	.05 up
May	8.27/27	8.31/32	8.32/32	.05 up
July	9.14 N	—	9.18 N	.04 up

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	19.12/13	19.32b/40a	19.55/59	.48 up
March	18.03/04	18.28/28	18.45 N	.41 up
May	17.90 N	18.10b/30a	18.30 N	.40 up
July	17.90 N	17.90 B	18.25 N	.35 up

Total sales for the day—980 tons

CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	82 1/2/83	82 1/2/82	83 1/2/83	1 up
May	82 1/2/83	82 1/2/82	83 1/2/83	1 up
July	80 1/2/80 1/2	81 1/2/81	81 1/2/81	1 up

Tuesday's sales—17,381,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2	50 1/2/50 1/2	1 off
May	52 1/2/52 1/2	52 1/2/52 1/2	52 1/2/52 1/2	1 off
July	54 1/2/54 1/2	54 1/2/54 1/2	54 1/2/54 1/2	1 off

WINNIEPEG WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
October	70 1/2/70 1/2	71 1/2/71 1/2	71 1/2/71 1/2	1 up
December	72 1/2/72 1/2	72 1/2/72 1/2	72 1/2/72 1/2	1 up
May	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	76 1/2/76 1/2	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
December	14.40/40	14.45/50	14.72/79	.39 up
March	14.70/70	14.80/85	15.10/10	.40 up
June	15.02 N	15.10b/18a	15.37 N	.35 up
NY Silver, Official	36-1/4	—	36-3/8	—
NY-London Cross Rate	403-5/8	—	403-1/2	—

YOKOHAMA RAW SILK MARKET

Yokohama, Oct. 12 (Reuters).

"D" Grade, White, 78 per cent.

13/15, per 100 km.

Delivery

October	Y1,639.00
November	1,621.00
December	1,610.00
January	1,588.00

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Days of Week	Date	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Fri.	13	h.m.	ft.	h.m.	ft.
		09 40	8.8	03 07	2.3
		21 35	7.4	15 14	2.8
Sat.	14	10 34	6.4	03 53	1.8
		22 05	5.0	14 45	3.1
Sun.	15	11 25	4.0	04 38	1.7
		23 38	2.6	15 15	3.4
Mon.	16	12 19	1.6	05 25	1.8
		24 10	0.6	16 45	3.8
Tues.	17	13 15	0.3	06 12	2.0
		25 43	7.4	17 14	4.1
Wed.	18	—	—	07 06	2.3
		14 25	4.9	17 42	4.4
Thur.	19	00 17	7.1	08 07	2.5

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Optional cargo will be carried on,
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goods have left the godowns and all
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Oct., 1939, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must
be presented to the undersigned on or
before 18th Oct., 1939, or they will
not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods
must be left in the godowns, where they
will be examined by the steamer's
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Messrs. Gordon & Douglas, at 10 a.m.
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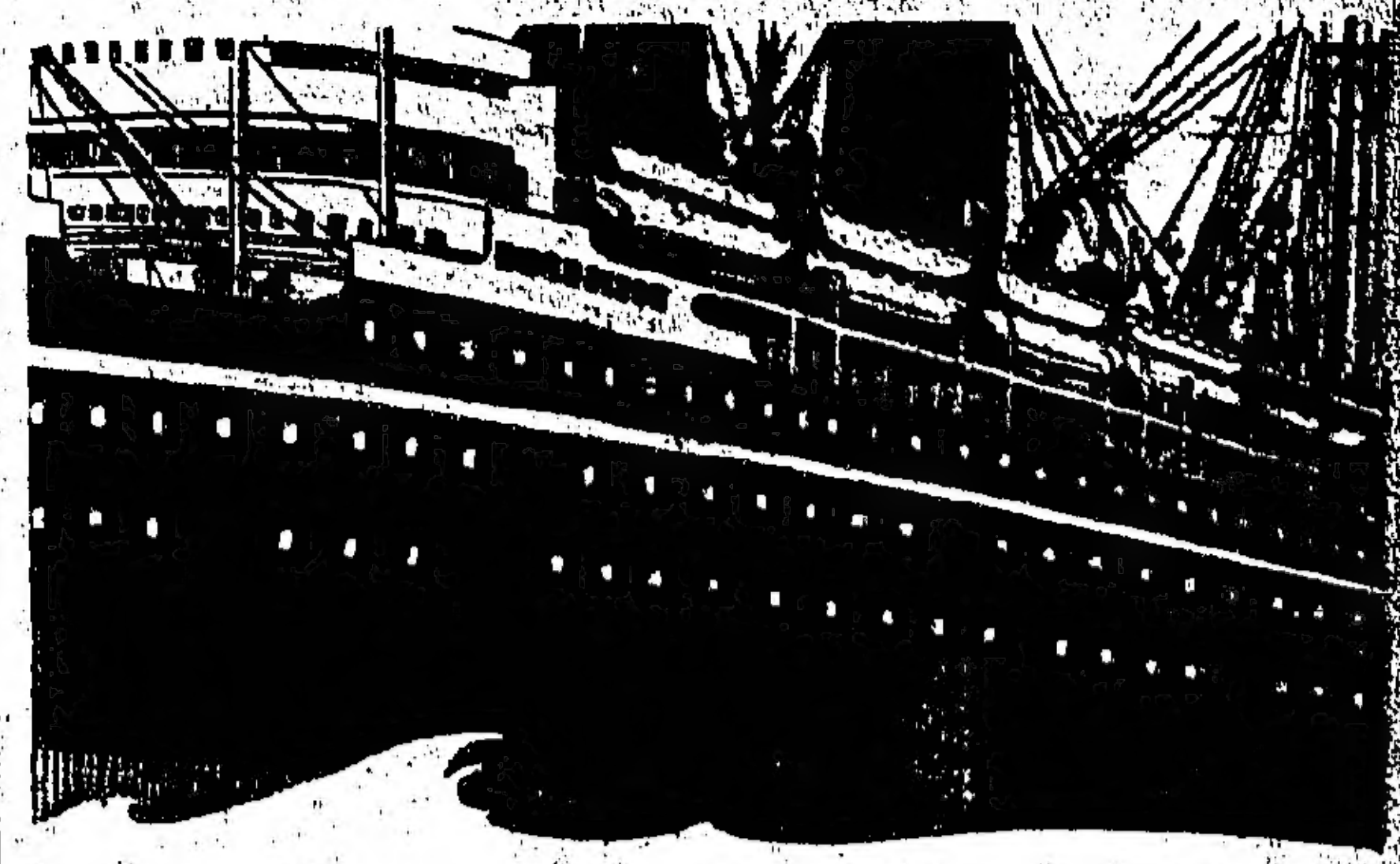
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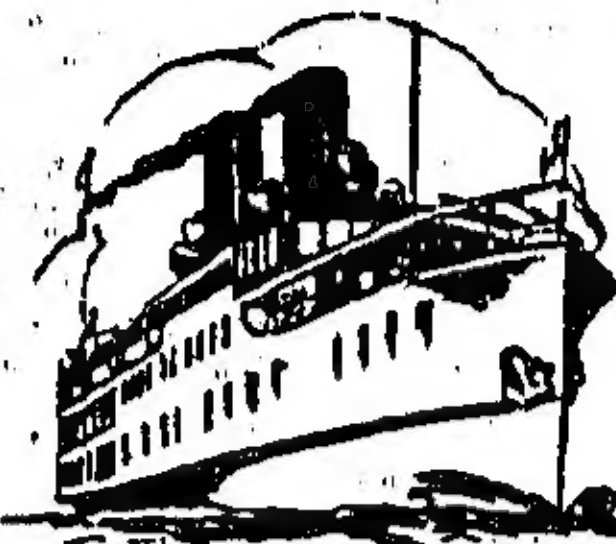
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No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 30th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on 13th Oct., 1939, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Messrs. Goddard & Douglas. To comply with the General Bond of Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 14th Nov., 1939, or they will not be recognized.

No Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JEBB & CO., Agents.

Hong Kong, 7th Oct., 1939. [763]

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th inst. will be subject to rent. All claims against the vessel must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 30th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 13th inst., at 10 a.m. by our surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

In the case of dutiable cargo, consignees are requested to inform the Customs and Excise Office that they have such goods for examination.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bill of Lading will be countersigned by

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Hong Kong, 5th Oct., 1939.

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OPENED LETTER
CONTAINING
A CHEQUECentral Court
Sequel

Having opened a letter addressed to Lo Hing-ho, and found within the envelope a cheque for \$100, a man, Lo Kwan-hop, was alleged to have made an attempt to cash it through his folk, Lui Chung, who passed the cheque to several others, and, as a result, Lo Kwan-hop, 28, manager of Nam Cheung paper shop, and Lui Chung, 32, paper cutter, appeared before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy yesterday, charged with stealing a letter on or about September 8, at No. 3 Sa Wa Fong; diversion of a postal packet addressed to Lo Hing-ho with intent to obtain some benefit.

Det.-Sgt. J. M. Forrest conducted the prosecution.

Lo Hing-ho, in evidence, stated that he received his last letter on September 9, informing him that a cheque for \$100 was being sent to him by a friend in New York. As he did not receive the cheque he informed the bank authorities with regard to the loss.

Choi Chiu, postman No. 204, said that he remembered having delivered the letter to the first floor of No. 3 Sa Wa Fong.

His Worship dismissed the first charge against the defendants, but convicted them on the second charge.

First defendant was fined \$150, in default, three months' hard labour, while the second defendant was bound over in \$50 for one year.

Government Has Purchased
Entire Quantity Of Rice
Considered Necessary For
Emergency Purposes

The revelation that in the last three months the Government had purchased the entire quantity of rice considered necessary for emergency purposes was made at yesterday's meeting of the Legislative Council by the Financial Secretary, the Hon. Mr. S. Caine, when seconding the Attorney General's motion for the first reading of the Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance.

The Ordinance will provide for the maintenance of reserve stocks of commodities which would be considered essential for the vital needs of the community during war or other public emergency.

The Bill, which follows generally the lines of the Ceylon Essential Commodities Reserves Ordinance, will apply in the first instance to rice. It will implement, but does not repeal, the provisions of the Rice Ordinance of 1919.

After revealing that Government had already amassed stocks of rice, the Financial Secretary said that in view of the necessity for preserving secrecy in doing so the Government had not approached the Council for funds. The transactions, he said, had been financed by bank advances.

The Bill provides for the registration of importers of such commodities as may be considered essential. Importers of rice will be invited to state the quantities they desire to import within a specified period, while Government stocks will be turned over to licensed importers and will not be placed in the open market.

The scheme, said the Financial Secretary, had been fully discussed; and he believed that it was workable.

VOLUNTEER ORDINANCE

The Attorney General moved, and the Colonial Secretary seconded, the first reading of a Bill to amend further the Volunteer Ordinance of 1933. The object of the bill is to make it necessary for those who desire to quit the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps during the war to obtain the sanction of His Excellency the Governor, as in the case of members of the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

SUPREME COURT ORDER

Moved by the Attorney General, an order made by the Chief Justice rescinding a previous order regulating the commission to be paid to the official administrator was approved.

THEFTS AND LOSSES
REPORTED TO POLICE

Mrs. A. J. Johnson, of King's Road, Island, has reported the loss of her handbag, containing \$35, while she was out shopping in a shop at Queen Victoria Street on Wednesday.

Mrs. G. Stein, of 12 Peak Mansion, has reported the loss of her wrist watch on October 4, in the Central District.

Ho Kwan, of 78 Des Voeux Road Central, first floor, was robbed of money and articles amounting to \$72.80, when someone entered his premises on Wednesday night.

U. M. Chen, of 221, Wanchai Road, had his tools valued at \$40 stolen from his car, between October 8 and 9.

On a charge of robbery aboard a junk off Nine Pin Island in the waters of the Colony about 5.30 a.m. on Sept. 16, 11 Chinese, a fishing junk master and 10 of his folk, were committed by Mr. H. J. Crutwell, District Officer, South, at Kowloon Court yesterday, to stand their trial at the criminal sessions.

ADVANCE ENTRIES FOR H.K.
JOCKEY CLUB'S NINTH
EXTRA RACE MEETING

The following are the advance entries for the Ninth Extra Race Meeting of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to be run on Saturday, October 21:—

1.—Hongkong Griffins' Cup.—Winner \$750, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. A Handicap for China Ponies. Griffins of this Season that have started in at least three Extra Meetings of this Club. Winners of \$3,000 or more in stakes, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$10. 14 Miles.

Eye of Heaven, Galaxy, Hectic View, Jennifer, Lilliber, Peaceful View, Rose Emily.

2 or 6.—Connaught Handicap.—First or Second Section: Winner \$800, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies. "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. About One Mile, 151 Yards.

Advancing Time, Anna Bay, Bistre, Blue Diamond, Boolat Bay, Celtic Star, Dawn Star, Flyday, Galveston Bay, King Kong, King's Lead, Laughing Girl, Lovely Star, Musketeer, National Pride, Plumfarthins, Rose Emily, Rose Evelyn, Rose Flana, Rose Queen, Salvage Master, Scenic View, Smiling Thru, Soldier of Britain, Soldier of China, Tampa Bay, Taxing Master.

3.—Nullah Nullah Handicap.—Winner \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "B" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. About One Mile, 151 Yards.

A Grand Time, Annabella, Candlight, Chiltern, Cockleoi, Criflet, Devonian, Happy Landings, Janber, Murrumbidgee, National Victory, Rising Star, Snowy River, Southern Star, Sydney Lad, Tornado Star, Victory Day, Winfred.

4.—Bonham Handicap.—Winner \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies. Subscription Griffins of this Club of this Season. Winners of more than \$1,000 in stakes, barred. To be ridden by Jockeys who have not won ten races anywhere at any time. No Whips or spurs allowed. Entrance \$5. Six Furlongs.

Black Diamond, Bogey, Bressay, Gallant Marshal, George, Gog, Green Bay, King's Envoy, Matador, National Honour, National Liberty, Old Fashioned, Silver Star, Smiling Time, Sports Venture, The Spirit of St. Louis, Tiny Tim, Wild Bear.

5.—Ballarat Handicap.—Winner \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For Australian Subscription Ponies. "C" Class. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One Mile.

A Great Time, Ajax, Amber II, A Roaring Time, Artec, Baffin Bay, Bruno, Brutus, Dick Turpin, Discovery Bay, Heinz, Loquacious, Macquarie River, Murray River, Pumpernickel, Roofly, Ruby Star, Stratherrick, Tarran, Twilight Star, Violet Queen.

6.—Wyndham Handicap.—Winner \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200. For China Ponies. "B" Class. Griffins of this Season, barred. Jockey Allowance. Entrance \$5. One and a Quarter Miles.

A Quarter Miles, A. W. Brown (skip), W. A. Cornell, W. T. Haggard, E. Mitchell, A. W. Brown (skip).

H.K.R.A. Mid-Week Spoon
Shoot: Sappers Repeat
Success Of Last Week

THE ROYAL ENGINEERS REPEATED THEIR SUCCESS OF LAST WEEK BY CARRYING OFF BOTH NETT SPOONS AGAIN.

Lieut. A. J. Seeliear, R.E., the Assistant Hon. Secretary, won the "peep-sight" nett spoon for the second week in succession with a score of 97. When this was known on the range, there were murmurings of a hot-trick but of course this remains to be seen.

Capt. F. P. Sequeira of the H.K. V.D.C. also succeeded in scoring 97 seen by a glance at the scores. The pool bull competitors were quite keen and this, ever popular corner of the range was kept busy.

S. Insp. A. C. Chan of the H.K. P.R. was the only competitor to "ring the bell".

HANDICAP SPOONS
Handicap spoons were won by the following:

L.A.C. L.R. Hunt S.R.(b)
Spr. G. Pemberton S.R.(a)
L/Sgt. W. Nunn
Spr. G. S. Rumary
Bdms. K. Nix

LEADING SCORES
The leading scores of the afternoon are as follows:—

S.R. (b) Class
Lt. A. J. Seeliear S.R. 32 33 32 37
Capt. F. P. Sequeira 33 34 30 37
S/Lt. H. O. Tao 41 31 33 35
S/Lt. W. Kifford 33 30 30 33
S/Lt. A. G. Chan 41 33 28 32
S/Lt. P. H. Thong S.R. 32 32 27 32
S/Lt. C. G. Chan 31 32 27 30
L.A.C. L.R. Hunt 34 32 26 30
L.A.C. W. J. Gash 37 31 28 35
L/Cpl. G. R. Morton 26 33 27 38

S.R. (a) Class
L/Cpl. S. G. Brighty 20 28 30 31
Cpl. P. Hammond 18 32 29 35
Pte. R. Bullen 45 31 29 35
Spr. G. Pemberton 32 31 29 35
L/Sgt. W. Nunn 28 28 27 37
Spr. W. Albion 28 28 29 31
Spr. G. S. Rumary 28 28 27 31
L/Sgt. F. V. Ribeiro 19 27 28 34
Bdms. K. Nix 13 28 28 28
L/Cpl. J. Day 10 28 28 27
Cpl. S. Naranjan Singh 7 21 27 23 10

Lawn Bowls
The following will represent Royal H.K. Yacht Club in a bowls match—against the Hongkong Football Club at the latter's green on Saturday:—

C. B. Brown, I. E. N. Ryan, G. E. Costello, B. E. Maughan (skip), P. S. Cassidy, E. Hosper, R. H. Wild, A. Nisand (skip), W. A. Cornell, W. T. Haggard, E. Mitchell, A. W. Brown (skip).

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, 13th OCTOBER, 1939, 9.30 A.M.

Owing to the uncertainty of Sea transport the public are requested to post Christmas Parcels early, preferable before the end of October.

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Straits	13th Oct.
Amoy	13th Oct.
Straits	13th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	13th Oct.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date, 4th October	13th Oct.
Shanghai	13th Oct.
Shanghai	13th Oct.
Canton	13th Oct.
Shanghai	13th Oct.
Calcutta and Straits	14th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	14th Oct.
Straits and Manila	14th Oct.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 7th October	14th Oct.
Japan	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Shanghai and Amoy	15th Oct.
Canton	15th Oct.
Manila	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Calcutta and Straits	15th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	15th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	15th Oct.
Straits	15th Oct.
Haiphong	15th Oct.
Straits	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	15th Oct.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 11th October	15th Oct.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 12th October	15th Oct.
Formosa	15th Oct.
Straits	15th Oct.
Java and Manila	15th Oct.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 26th September)	15th Oct.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	15th Oct.
Australia and Manila	15th Oct.
Japan	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	15th Oct.
Haiphong and Pakhoi	15th Oct.
Japan and Shanghai	15th Oct.
Straits and Manila	15th Oct.
Shanghai and Amoy	15th Oct.
Shanghai	15th Oct.
Japan	15th Oct.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C. date, 4th October)	15th Oct.

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Fort Bayard and Bangkok	11.30 AM
Shanghai	3.30 PM
Fort Bayard	7.00 PM
SATURDAY	
Amoy	Sat. 14th 8.30 AM
Saigon	8.30 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 10th November	G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 1.30 PM Ord. 1.40 PM
Shanghai	10.30 AM
Amoy and Shanghai	3.30 PM
Fort Bayard	5.00 PM
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SUNDAY	
Saigon	Sun. 15th 8.30 AM
Shanghai	9.00 AM
Bandakum	9.00 AM
MONDAY	
Straits and Calcutta	Mon. 14th 11.00 AM
Haiphong	Noon
TUESDAY	
Shanghai and parcels only for Tientsin	Tue. 17th 3.30 PM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
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Airmail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 22nd October	G.P.O. Reg. 5.00 PM Ord. 5.30 PM
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WEDNESDAY	
Canton	Wed. 15th 8.15 AM
Canton	10.30 AM
Straits	1.30 PM
	K.P.O.
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
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Manila	7.00 PM

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